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**'ABERDEEN are on the
verge of the most
important game in their
history.'**

**Of the three trophies still
available to us, the Cup
Winners' Cup is the one we'd
most love to win.**

**And the whole of Aberdeen is
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the city firmly on the soccer
map!**

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**REAL Madrid here we come! Aberdeen star and
regular 'Match' columnist Gordon Strachan,
prepares his club's crunch European Cup Winners'
Cup Final clash against the Spanish giants in
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**We've already beaten Bayern
Munich this season and in**

**Karl-Heinz Rummenigge and
skipper Paul Breitner they
boast two of the biggest names
in world soccer.**

**I'd class Real and Bayern in
the same class, though if the
two were to play each other, I'd
go for the mighty West
Germans to sneak a win.**

**We start as underdogs and
that means all the pressure will
be on them. They are expected
to win and success in Europe
has become second nature to
their fans.**

**There won't be any danger of
us freezing on the night. The
last time that happened to an
Aberdeen side was in 1978
when Rangers beat us 2-1 in the**

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ABERDEEN AIM TO PUT EURO

DONS' ROUTE TO THE FINAL

Preliminary round first leg:
Aberdeen 7 (Black, Strachan,
Hewitt, Simpson, McGhee,
Kennedy, og), Sion (Swiss) 0.
Second leg:

Sion 1, Aberdeen 4 (McGhee 2,
Miller, Hewitt). (Aberdeen win
11-1).

First round, first leg:
Aberdeen 1 (Hewitt), Dinamo
Tirana (Albania) 0.

Second leg:
Dinamo Tirana 0 Aberdeen 0.
(Aberdeen win 1-0).

Second round, first leg:
Aberdeen 2 (McGhee, Weir) Lech
Poznan (Poland) 0.

Second leg:
Lech Poznan 0 Aberdeen 1 (Bell).
(Aberdeen win 3-0).

Third round, first leg:
Bayern Munich (W. Germany) 0
Aberdeen 0.

Second leg:
Aberdeen 3 (Simpson, McLeish,
Hewitt). Bayern Munich 2.
(Aberdeen win 3-2).

Semi-Final, first leg:
Aberdeen 5 (McGhee 2, Black,
Simpson, Weir). Waterschei
(Belgium) 1.

Second leg:
Waterschei 1 Aberdeen 0.
(Aberdeen win 5-2).



**Juanito — Real's leading scorer
and a danger to Aberdeen.**

**Real Madrid 5 Baire Mare 2. (Real
win 5-2)**

Second round, first leg:
Real Madrid 3 Ujpest Dozsa
(Hungary) 1

Second leg:
Ujpest Dozsa 0 Real Madrid 1.
(Real win 4-1).

Third round, first leg:
Inter Milan (Italy) 1 Real Madrid
1.

Second leg:
Real Madrid 2 Inter Milan 1. (Real
win 3-2).

Semi-Final, first leg:
Austria Vienna 2 Real Madrid 2.
Second leg:
Real Madrid 3 Austria Vienna 1
(Real win 5-3).

Aberdeen's past record in Europe

REAL'S ROUTE TO THE FINAL

First round, first leg:
Baire Mare (Rumania) 0 Real
Madrid 0.
Second leg:

**Fairs Cup — 1968-69 (second
round); Cup Winners' Cup —
1967-68 (second round); 1970-71
(first round); 1978-79 (second
round); UEFA Cup — 1971-72
(second round); 1972-73 (first
round); 1973-74 (second round);
1977-78 (first round); 1979-80 (first
round); 1981-82 (third round);
European Cup — 1980-81 (second
round)**

Scottish Cup Final.

We've come a long way since then and the lads are used to big occasions now. We've played the likes of Liverpool, Hamburg and Bayern so we know what it's all about.

Real manager Di Stefano says we attack at 100 miles an hour all the time, so from that I assume his team are used to the slower build-up.

I don't expect them to take any chances. They will play it about until they see a break. The only danger for us is if we lose concentration.

The game will be decided over one match, so I expect it to be much more exciting than the usual European ties. You've only got 90 minutes so both teams will have to give it their best shot.

Although I don't profess to know much about their style of play, I've heard a lot about some of the players in their side — notably Johnny Metgod, Uli Stielike and Juanito.

Dutch international Metgod

looks to be the kingpin in the side. I played against him when Scotland met Holland a few years ago and although he didn't look as if he was really trying he showed some nice touches.

I can also remember watching him play against Liverpool when he lobbed the goalkeeper from 35 yards to score a great goal. He's a man we've got to watch, because he loves to have a crack at goal.

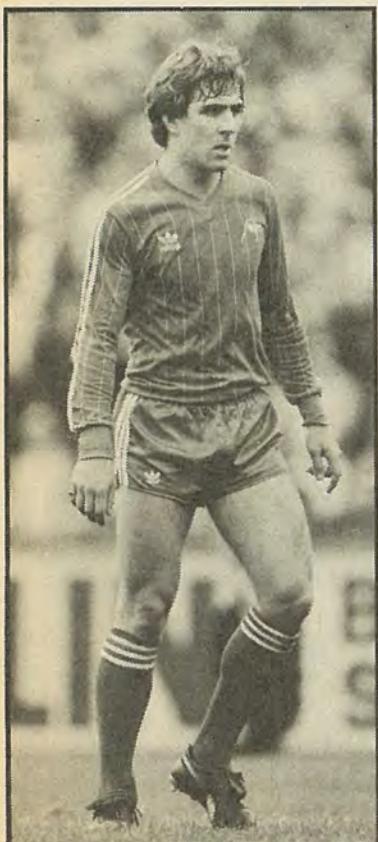
West German star Uli Stielike is a formidable man to get past. He makes sure you are stopped one way or another! He's a big influence in the side and never seems to get caught in possession.

Forward Juanito seemed to spend most of the World Cup Finals in Spain last year rolling about on the ground. But in many ways that's typical of the Spaniards — they try to get their opponents booked.

There's not a lot you can do to combat that sort of thing except keep your cool and try

FLING

'KINGS' IN A SPIN



Mark McGhee — Aberdeen's top scorer in Europe this season with six goals.

not to let it put you off your game.

When he is standing, and playing, Juanito is a dangerous winger and he is currently the club's leading goalscorer.

Striker Santillana reminds me of Ian St John. No, he's not a football commentator but like the former Liverpool and Scotland centre-forward Santillana is very good with his head. He seems to hang in the air.

If Real Madrid employ a man to man marking system it looks as though my shadow will be Spanish international San Jose. He's got a reputation as being a hard man so I'll have to watch him.

But up to now I haven't really had that much time to think about our Cup confrontation with Real and perhaps that's a good thing, because it's kept the pressure off.

It's been all go at Pittodrie as the season nears its end and we're still in the hunt for three different trophies.

The Scottish Football League kindly allowed us to bring our Premier Division game against Kilmarnock forward to Thursday, May 5 to give us extra time to prepare for our Cup Winners' Cup Final.

We're very grateful for that extra breathing space, because it will give players more time to recover from any niggling little knocks they might have



Gordon Strachan — "This is the one we'd love to win."

received.

That wasn't the case for the return against Waterschei in Belgium. Just three days after our bruising Scottish Cup Semi-Final victory against Celtic we had to play in Belgium.

I watched from the stands as we lost the game 1-0 with a depleted side, but we were never in any danger of going out of the competition.

In fact, we should have won and it's a mark of professionalism in the side that the lads were very disappointed with their performance. So much so, that the celebration champagne was left uncorked in the dressing room.

As I mentioned before we are still in the hunt for the Premier Division Championship, so it's important for us to pick up two points against Kilmarnock

before we fly out to Gothenberg.

It's another really important game for us but we should be able to beat them quite easily.

A victory against them would be a great way to prepare for Real Madrid!

• Gordon Strachan was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.

Why Laurie Cunningham's tipping Real Madrid to win! See over the page...

LAURIE CUNNINGHAM predicts defeat for Aberdeen in next week's Cup-Winners Cup Final . . . and brings you an exclusive breakdown of the Spanish team.

FORMER England star Laurie Cunningham will be rooting for Real Madrid to beat Aberdeen.

Laurie, on loan from Real to Manchester United until the end of the season, says: "The Spanish club deserve to win it and I'd love to see my club-mates lift the trophy."

"There's not much to separate the two sides but I believe Real's superior experience of European football will see them through."

Six-times winners of the European Cup, Real Madrid are one of the giants of world soccer and Laurie says: "Aberdeen have never got to this stage before. They are still very young at the game."

"The Real fans are desperate for a return of the glory days of Di Stefano and Puskas so there's a lot of pressure on the players to provide them with a top trophy."

"Real have been in good form. They've been up at the top of the League all season and reached the Final of the Spanish equivalent of the FA Cup."

Although Spanish sides have a reputation for being defensive,

Right: Laurie Cunningham — "I believe Real's superior experience will see them through."

Laurie expects his team-mates to come out and attack. He says: "It's the only way to play in a one-off final."

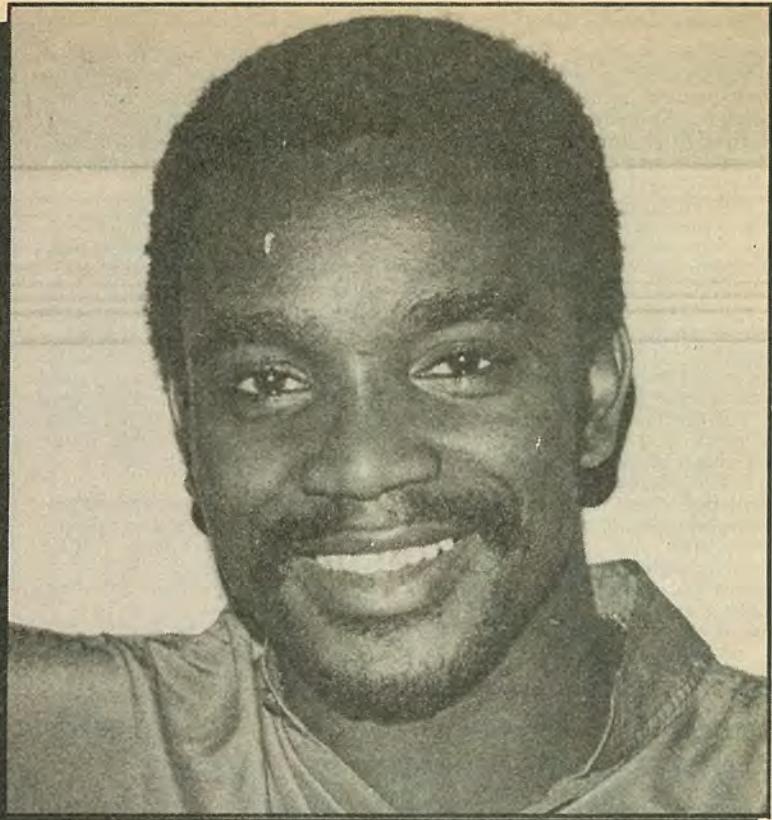
"You can't afford to sit back and knock the ball around. Matches like this are all about running, working and expressing yourself."

Laurie, who joined Real from West Brom in June 1979 for £950,000, believes that the Spanish side's big dilemma could be who to play in goal.

He says: "There's a choice of two but the man in favour at the moment is Augustin. He's a very tall lad with lots of ability."

At left-back, Real play Comacho — one of the key players in Spain's World Cup campaign. "He likes to get the ball and attack," says Laurie, "but he's also a good marker. Not many people get past him."

The player with the reputation of hatchet man is San Jose, who



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usually plays right-back. But Laurie believes he could be pulled into midfield to mark Aberdeen danger man Gordon Strachan.

Former AZ67 and Dutch international Johnny Metgod is the sweeper in the side and generally regarded as one of Real's most skilful players. Laurie says: "He's another player who likes to come forward and he's got a very fierce shot."

Laurie, who was capped six times by England, believes that the Madrid midfield of Uli Stielike, Del Bosque, Gallego and Bonet is the most creative in the world.

"West German international Stielike has been moved from his normal sweeper's role and is excelling in the middle of the park.

"For me, Del Bosque is the maestro — the playmaker. He strokes the ball around so well," says Laurie.

"Up front, the team have plenty of options with the likes of Juanito, Santillana, Pinedo and Chola. Big man Santillana is like an English centre-forward. He's excellent in the air.

"Juanito is an out-and-out right winger, who is very quick and skilful and scores lots of goals."

Laurie's own career at Real Madrid has been wrecked by injury and the gifted black winger could be making a return to English football at Old Trafford.

He says: "If things go well, I could sign for United but it all depends on Real Madrid. If they let Uli Stielike go at the end of

the season, I could return to Spain.

"Spanish clubs are only allowed to field two foreign players in their team so with Uli and Johnny Metgod established in the side, my first team prospects aren't good."

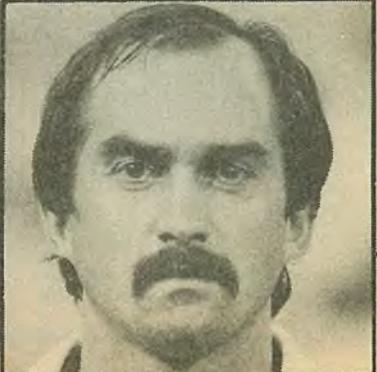
Laurie made a goalscoring debut for Manchester United when he came on for the injured Arthur Albiston in their 2-0 win over Watford at Old Trafford.

And there's the intriguing possibility that Laurie could play for United in the FA Cup Final against Brighton, but he says: "At the moment I'm just happy to be a member of the squad.

"I haven't really thought about the Final at Wembley. I'm just enjoying life at Old Trafford. It's much more relaxed than Spain.

"The Spanish fans love their football more than the English and there's so much more pressure on the players."

Below: West German international Uli Stielike — excelling in the middle of the park for Real.



STAR VIEW

No 1 JOE JORDAN v FRANK STAPLETON

Joe Jordan — "If there was ever a 50-50 ball, you would back him to win it."



Jimmy Nicholl says

6 THERE'S little to choose between these two great strikers, and it must be a manager's dream to have either of them in his side.

Frank is probably the most complete centre-forward in the League, but Joe, who joined Italian club AC Milan a couple of years ago, is not far behind.

I was at Old Trafford when 'Big Joe' signed from Leeds in 1978 and I was really impressed by him. We all knew what an aggressive player he was but I didn't realise he possessed so much skill.

The fiery Scot was very popular with the United fans — and the players — and

it was a disappointment for everyone when he left for Italy.

But no-one knew we were soon to get the ideal replacement in Frank Stapleton... in fact I think the former Arsenal striker was probably the only player the crowd would have accepted as a successor to Joe.

I rate them both very highly and it must be an awful prospect for any centre-half who has to mark them.

I played against Frank and Joe when they were at Arsenal and Leeds respectively and I always knew that I'd been in a game... even though I was a full-back and not directly responsible for marking them.

Frank is very difficult to play against and you can't afford to relax for a second while he is around.

And similarly with Joe, it's a full-time job keeping tabs on him. He has always been a very physical player and I had one or two tussles with him during his Leeds days.

You knew that Joe would always give total commitment for 90 minutes and if

HOW THEY SCORED

JORDAN	STAPLETON	
8	Shooting	10
8	Ball control	9
8	Passing	8
8	Temperament	10
8	Vision	8
9	Heading	9
9	Tackling	7
9	Stamina	9
8	Speed	7
10	Teamwork	10
85	TOTAL	87
100	Maximum	100

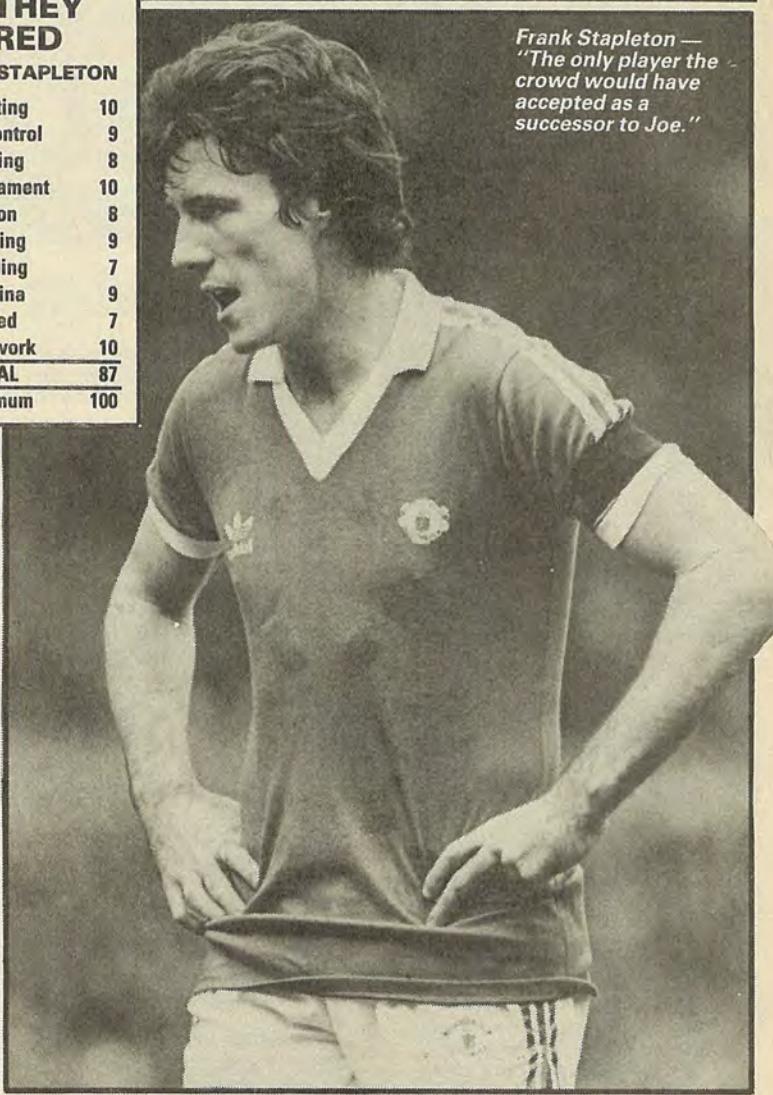
BIG names analysing the big names — that's the theme of 'Star View', a compelling new series that's sure to set you talking.

Each week we'll be choosing two top stars performing the same role and seeking the personal verdict of a player well qualified to assess their strengths and weaknesses.

Marks out of ten are awarded for each facet of their play with a maximum score of 100 for each player.

To kick off, it's former Manchester United favourite Joe Jordan versus current Old Trafford centre-forward Frank Stapleton... and the verdict comes from Northern Ireland international Jimmy Nicholl, who played alongside both players in his time at United.

Frank Stapleton — "The only player the crowd would have accepted as a successor to Joe."



there was ever a 50/50 ball you would have to back him to win it.

The strong point of their game is probably their heading ability. Frank scores more goals with his head than Joe, but the big Scot tends to win more balls in the air which other players can feed off.

Both are proven goalscorers and are always likely to pop up where it matters to sneak vital goals.

Frank probably has the edge over Joe on the ground and his ball control and shooting make him a constant problem for any defence.

Unlike a lot of centre-forwards, the Eire international has the ability to kill a ball dead with just one touch and then lay it off to a team-mate in an instant.

When he shoots, Frank is very deceptive. He doesn't take any back lift and tends to stab at the ball most of the time. But the majority of his shots are on target and well struck.

He formed a pretty lethal partnership at Arsenal with Alan Sunderland and now, according to reports I've read, he's

struck up a similar understanding with teenage sensation Norman Whiteside.

He took a little time to settle in at Old Trafford, as most players do when they join a new club, but now the fans are seeing the best of him.

Joe, on the other hand, seemed to fit in at United almost overnight and personally I think he proved to be a better player than he was at Leeds.

He has a lot of skill for a big man and that aspect of his game is often under-rated. He is also pretty quick across the ground and that, coupled with his strength and aggression, makes him an awkward customer for any defender to contend with.

Their temperaments are poles apart. Joe, as most English fans will recall, has a fiery temper which often landed him in hot water with referees.

Frank, on the other hand, never gets rattled during a game and simply gets on with his job... a very cool character.

They are both players I rate very highly, but overall I think Frank just has the edge. ♦

IT'S A FACT

FA CUP crowds are up this season. A total of 2,036,816 have watched this season's competition, an increase of 383,861 on the previous term, which represents a boost in match receipts of more than £1m.

DAVID TAKES HIS CHANCE

SKIPPER John McClelland has lost his place in the centre of Rangers' defence to Scottish Youth international David McPherson.

Teenager David is now partnering Craig Paterson while Northern Ireland World Cup star John has been given a new role at left-back.

John was switched as part of a tactical plan by manager John Greig for the game against Dundee at Ibrox in February. David took his chance to establish himself in the heart of defence with an outstanding performance and by scoring in the 1-1 draw.

Former Hibernian star Craig Paterson says of his new partner: "Since coming into the side David has been playing out of his skin."

"He's a very confident young lad and looks so comfortable on the ball," adds Craig, who joined Rangers in the close season for £20,000.

"I don't think John minds his full-back role because he now gets more opportunity to push forward."

STEVE'S DEBT

STEVE Lowndes gives much of the credit for his call-up to the Welsh squad to Newport manager Colin Addison... the man who dropped him four months ago.

The young striker demanded a transfer when he was left out of Newport's promotion-chasing side at the beginning of the year.

But he's still full of admiration for the former Derby boss and says: "He has helped me a great deal this season and I owe him an awful lot."

"Naturally I was disappointed at

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The six children, all members of the young British Computer Society, won a competition organised by the Fleming Fulton School to decide who should make the trip.

The six children (from the left) Gerrard Miller, Ian Donaghy, Paul McCullough, Declan Monaghan, Mark Harpur and George Deans are pictured with Manchester United star Norman Whiteside, former Miss World, Philin Leon, and John Patterson, National Sales and marketing manager for Epson UK Ltd.

TO THE BOSS WHO DROPPED HIM!

being dropped, but there was never any ill feeling between myself and the manager... I've got a lot of respect for him.

"We had a couple of bad results over Christmas when he decided that changes needed to be made, and I was one of the players left out."

But things have turned full circle for the 22-year-old striker, who is now enjoying probably the best spell of his career.

"I missed three games, but since

I've been back in the team, I've been playing better than ever. So maybe it wasn't such a bad thing," he says.

"I've made two appearances for the under-21 side and last year against Holland I played up front alongside Liverpool's Ian Rush.

"We both scored in that game and seemed to hit it off quite well together. Ian is a tremendous player and it would be nice to team up with him again at full international level."

'I'll prove Villa wrong' says Hopkins

YOUNG Robert Hopkins is out to show Aston Villa that he deserved a first team chance.

The 21-year-old Birmingham forward claims he wasn't given a fair crack of the whip by the European Champions.

Now that he has linked up with former Villa boss Ron Saunders across the city at St Andrews, he aims to prove a thing or two.

"I've got plenty to prove, especially to Villa manager Tony Barton," says Robert who was involved in a deadline day cash exchange deal with Alan Curbishley.

"I don't think I was given a fair chance at Villa Park. Tony Barton had his first team squad and that was that."

"It was different when Ron Saunders was in charge. I used to train with the first team, but Tony never gave me a look-in."

Robert managed only one full appearance in five years, although he did write his name into the record books three years ago, when he scored thirty seconds from time against Norwich, with his first kick as a substitute.

"After that I was made sub about five times. Since then, I've been out in the cold," adds Robert, who has been a lifelong Birmingham supporter.

"It came as a complete surprise when the Birmingham move came up. The week before, I thought I was on my way to Derby in an exchange deal with Dave Swindlehurst. When that fell through I assumed I would be spending the rest of the season with Villa.

"Then on deadline day I was told to go and see Ron Saunders. As I was leaving, Tony Barton told me to take my boots with me.

"Ron Saunders knew what kind of a player I was because he signed me as a professional at Villa. He just knew that I would give my all for Birmingham.

"Joining Birmingham is a super move for me. It gives me the chance of first team football and it's also great to link up again with Ron Saunders."



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Kenny Clements (left) shares a joke with three young apprentices at Oldham. "There are a lot of good youngsters coming through at the club," he says.

MATCH CHAT

Compiled by Melvyn Beck

Acclaim for Alex

IT appears we did former Rangers and Everton forward Alex Scott an injustice in our April 16 issue.

In our 'All the way to Wembley' feature, we stated that Jim Bone was the only player to achieve major honours in Scotland and England in the same season.

We did state that Alex Scott won FA Cup medals in both countries in different seasons, but it appears he did collect major honours in the same year.

He picked up a Scottish League Championship medal with Rangers in 1962-63 before moving on to help Everton win the First Division title in the same season.

He apparently played enough games at the beginning of the season to collect a Championship medal from Rangers.

■ ABERDEEN have announced a new sponsorship deal worth £20,000 to the club over the next year. From now until the end of the 1983-84 season, their tracksuits will bear the name of Hydrasun Ltd, an Aberdeen-based company supplying hose products to offshore and onshore industries.

OLDHAM skipper Kenny Clements could return to Manchester City almost four years after he was 'bombed out' of the club by controversial manager Malcolm Allison.

With his contract up at the end of the season, several clubs are ready to lure the 28-year-old centre-half back to the First Division.

Manchester City, Everton and Nottingham Forest are all reported to have shown interest in the experienced defender, who admits: "If a First Division club came in with a good offer, I would have to consider it.

"It's got to be your aim to play in Division One, and having been there with City for several years, I would love to do it again.

"But at this stage of my career I've

perhaps got to think about security more than ambition and if Oldham can offer me that, I may stay . . . and maybe I could play in the First Division with them."

It was in September 1979 that Second Division Oldham paid a club record fee of £200,000 for Kenny, who was one of a group of players who left City in a mass clearance by Malcolm Allison.

"He was the one and only reason for me leaving Maine Road," recalls Kenny. "I was happy at the club, but he didn't want to know any of the established players and it was in my best interests to go.

"We were doing really well until he came along and ruined everything. We had just finished runners-up to Liverpool in the League and reached the Quarter-Finals of the UEFA Cup.

"But when he took over, he wanted to build a new team and bring in his own players, and the likes of myself, Asa Hartford, Brian Kidd and Dave Watson were kicked out.

"It became obvious that my services were no longer required when, one day during training with the first team, he told me to go and train with the reserves. That was a killer blow.

"A few weeks later he told me that Oldham were interested in me, so I agreed to have talks with them and signed almost immediately.

"It was quite a drop for me to go from a club riding high at the top of the First Division, to a struggling Second Division club, but it has turned out to be a good move for me and I've enjoyed myself at Boundary Park."

Kenny has been a key player in the Oldham side over the last few seasons and earlier this year his efforts were rewarded when he was made club captain by new manager Joe Royle.

"It meant a great deal to me and I enjoyed the responsibility that goes with the job," says Kenny. "And it seems that since I became captain my game has improved. I feel as though I'm playing as well as at any other time in my career.

"It has been a good season for the club and at one stage we were making a strong challenge for promotion.

"But we have had quite a few injuries and because we've only got a small squad of players we have suffered a little bit.

"We had a really good run in the middle of the season, when we managed to steer clear of injuries and showed we can hold our own against the best in the division.

"There are a lot of good youngsters coming through now and, under new manager Joe Royle, I think the club can go on to greater things next season."

BIG TIME BECKONS KENNY



Cambridge United defender Steve Fallon receives our Second Division 'Matchman of the Month' plaque for February from club Chairman David Ruston.

FRANK SAVES THE DAY

FRANK Stapleton's injury-time FA Cup winner against Everton in the sixth Round saved little Dublin club St Patrick's Athletic from possible closure.

A replay would have meant the cancellation of an exhibition match between Manchester United and the Irish club which was part of the £30,000 deal which took talented defender Paul McGrath to Old Trafford last season.

But it was able to go ahead and a 15,000 crowd turned up to boost St Patrick's ailing finances to the tune of £11,000.

DID YOU KNOW?

■ ARSENAL are the First Division's oldest inhabitants having been in the top flight since 1919; Oldham claim the honour in Division Two (nine years); Chesterfield (since 1970-71) are the seniors in Division Three and Darlington (since 1967-68) have spent longest in Division Four.

■ SIX players who really ought to form a club of their own are: Stewart Robson (Arsenal), Steve Yates (Southend), Phil Sproson (Port Vale) Kevin Smith (Darlington), Alan Waddle (Mansfield) and Bill Crabbe (Hereford). All have tasted the bitter-sweet experience this season of scoring for both sides in the same match.

Just Capital Wimbledon

FOURTH Division Wimbledon have received a £25,000 cash boost thanks to their goal-hungry attack. Capital Radio offered the prize to the first London club scoring 80 League goals this season, and Wimbledon achieved that target in the 3-2 home victory over Crewe.

Le Coq Sportif: the secret of the 8 studs.

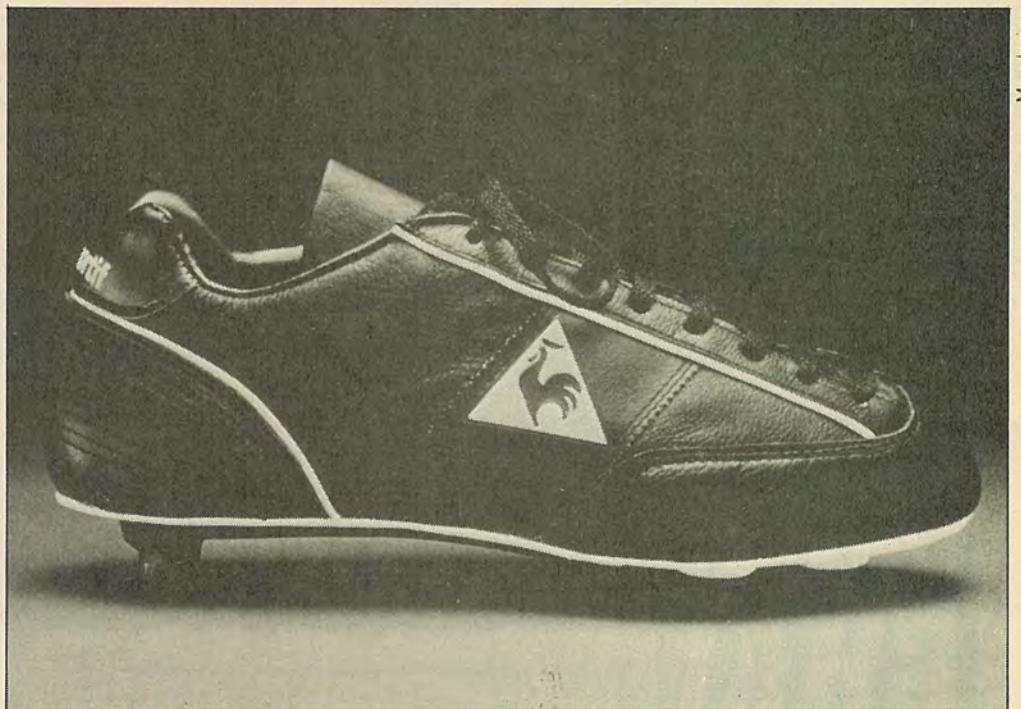
ZICO is becoming a legend these days. In the top class of South American players, this Brazilian joins the great names in football history. When Zico plays it's beautiful to behold. Thousands of miles away, Glenn Hoddle of Tottenham and Wim Kieft, Europe's best goalscorer of 1982, spark off thunderous applause from the terraces. When Hoddle and Kieft play they mean business.

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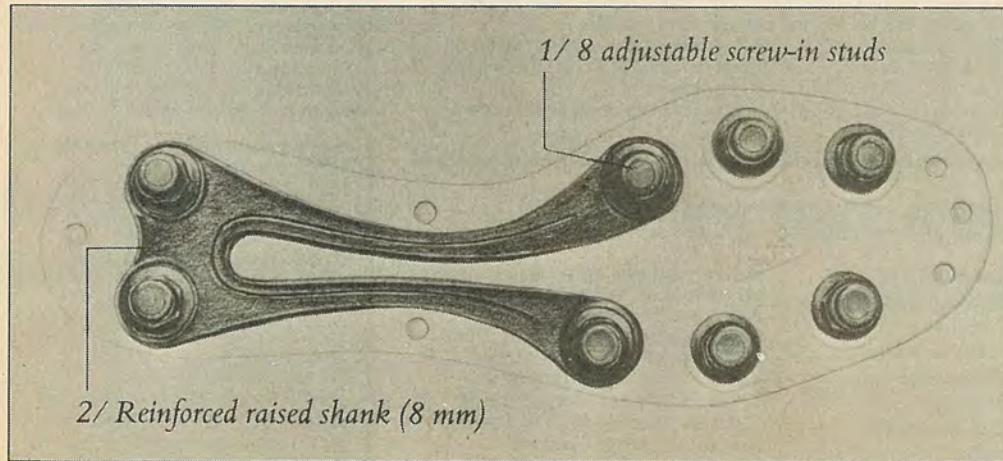
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What really matters is to keep lengths ahead at all times. A golden rule Le Coq Sportif shares with a great many champions all over the world.





Spotlight on soccer's late show specialists...

Fighting talk!

Norwich chat show sparks revival

John Deehan — heart to heart proved to be the turning point.

LAST SEASON...

Norwich's late burst resembles the marvellous run they staged at the end of last season to gain promotion from the Second Division. In mid-March 1982 they were half way up the Division, but lost only two of their remaining 14 games to occupy the third promotion place...

March 13	Watford	(h)	4-2	(O'Neill, Watson, Deehan, pen, Bertschin)
March 16	Orient	(a)	1-1	(Jack)
March 20	Bolton	(a)	1-0	(O'Neill)
March 27	Cardiff	(h)	2-1	(Jack, Bertschin)
April 3	Cambridge	(a)	2-1	(Mendham, Deehan)
April 10	Charlton	(h)	5-0	(Deehan 3, Jack, O'Neill)
April 12	Luton	(a)	0-2	
April 17	Derby	(a)	2-0	(O'Neill, Bennett)
April 20	Shrewsbury	(a)	2-0	(Deehan, Mendham)
April 24	Blackburn	(h)	2-0	(Bertschin, McGuire)
May 1	Leicester	(a)	4-1	(Deehan, Barham, Bertschin, Leet og)
May 5	Grimsby	(h)	2-1	(Deehan, Bertschin)
May 8	Orient	(h)	2-0	(Bertschin, pen, Bennett)
May 15	Sheff Wed	(a)	1-2	(Bertschin)

...AND NOW THIS SEASON

After losing to Brighton in the Sixth Round of the FA Cup on March 12 Norwich were unbeaten for nine games...

March 19	Notts Co	(a)	2-2	(Deehan, pen, Bertschin)
March 23	Coventry	(h)	1-1	(Walford)
March 26	West Ham	(h)	1-1	(Deehan, pen)
April 2	Luton	(a)	1-0	(Bennett)
April 4	Ipswich	(h)	0-0	
April 9	B'ham	(a)	4-0	(Deehan 2, Bertschin 2)
April 16	Sun'land	(h)	2-0	(Deehan 2)
April 20	Arsenal	(h)	3-1	(Deehan 2, Bertschin)
April 23	Liverpool	(a)	2-0	(Lawrenson og, O'Neill)

● Norwich scores first in each case.

FEW people would have bet on Norwich City racing clear of the relegation zone in such dramatic fashion.

Less than two months ago they looked doomed when, having just been knocked out of the FA Cup, they were struggling at the foot of the First Division.

But an incredible burst left them in a mid-table position — needing just four points from their remaining four matches to avoid the drop.

Nearing the end of their first season since returning to Division One, veteran striker Mike Channon likens his side's late run to that of a good racehorse.

As racing enthusiast Mike says: "We've finished well first time out and could be worth a bet next year."

The former England striker's statement was more than underlined a fortnight ago, when the Canaries scored a rare victory over Champions Liverpool at Anfield.

That 2-0 win made the East Anglian club the first for two years to complete the double over Bob Paisley's 'Red Army'.

Says leading scorer John Deehan: "It was a great result for us and it's nice to be the first team to take six points off Liverpool in a season.

"They seemed a little bit slack on the day, but I thought we deserved our win."

"Too many teams make the mistake of going to Anfield and sitting back hoping to sneak a draw... if you do that they can destroy you."

"We set out to attack them and didn't go with the intention of defending, or holding out to try and pinch a result. Even when we went a goal up we didn't sit back and continued to attack them."

"We realised that Graeme Souness was the danger man in midfield for them and it was important to close him down. He is a tremendous player and can

run the game from start to finish if you let him."

"But Martin O'Neill did a great marking job on Graeme, while I picked up little Sammy Lee, and it worked well for us."

"They came back into the game after we got our first goal, but a 30-yard screamer by Martin clinched it for us."

Norwich's revival coincided with their disappointing Sixth Round exit from the FA Cup at the hands of finalists Brighton.

And John believes that being knocked out of the Cup was a blessing in disguise. "It was a bitter blow, but looking back it wasn't such a bad thing because it enabled us to concentrate more on the League," he says.

"After the Brighton game the manager and the coaching staff got all the players together for a down-to-earth discussion about what was going wrong."

"Everyone talked openly and aired their views quite forcefully. It produced a great response from the players and made us realise what we had to do... since that time we haven't looked back."

Indeed for the next nine games Norwich were unbeaten and their remarkable run included well-earned victories over fellow strugglers Luton (1-0), Birmingham (4-0), Sunderland (2-0), Arsenal (3-1) and more recently Liverpool.

And John's goal-scoring exploits played a vital part. He says: "One of the things which came out of the talk after the Brighton game was that some of the players felt I could work a bit harder and be more aggressive on the park."

"I didn't take it as an insult. In fact it was nice to hear the players talking so honestly... at least they weren't saying it behind my back."

"At the time I was playing as an out-and-out striker, but the manager decided to pull me back into midfield and more and more chances have come my way."

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Peter the great! Withe seals victory for England with goal number two... and (inset) gets the congratulations of team-mates Luther Blissett and Gordon Cowans.



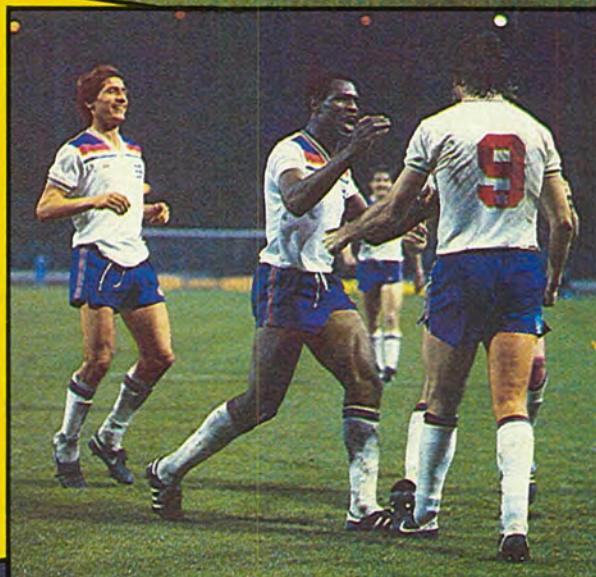
ENGLAND WIN WITHE STYLE!

BEARDED Aston Villa striker Peter Withe celebrated his shock recall to the England team by scoring his first goal for his country... and so clinch two vital Wembley points against Hungary in the European Championship.

But it was a bitter-sweet experience for Peter, who suffered a depressed cheekbone in the 2-0 victory and had to enter hospital the following day.

His recovery, however, should be speeded by memories of his role on what was a great night for English football as France and the European Championship Finals beckon.

One nil! Trevor Francis (left) gives England the lead with a running header.



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SUPER striker Kenny Dalglish is your 'Man of the Year'.

The dazzling Scotland and Liverpool ace, was a runaway winner in our readers' poll to find the successor to Tottenham's Glenn Hoddle.

The deadly Scot, recently saluted as the professionals' 'Player of the Year', appears to have scaled even greater heights this season, in class, skill and lethal finishing.

In a season when 'King Kenny' was being written off, after Scotland's undistinguished World Cup Finals showing, he has been an inspiration in the ruthless Liverpool machine which has rolled to its second successive League Championship.

And so it's no surprise to us at 'Match Weekly', that you have voted Kenny as the game's

Match Weekly's

outstanding player this season.

Says the Scottish international: "It's always nice to win these awards and I'm grateful to all the 'Match Weekly' readers who took the time to write in and vote for me."

"It's been a marvellous season for the club and so it follows that one of our players would pick up the individual awards... fortunately it was me."

"It was great to be voted by my fellow professionals as their player of the year, but it's also nice to know that I've been recognised by the fans."

"The season has been full of highlights and it's difficult to choose between them. Winning

KENNY'S

A big day for Anthony

THERE'S a super treat in store for eight-year-old Anthony Prince from Manchester.

He's the lucky boy who will be presenting our 1982-83 'Man of the Year' trophy, on our behalf, to Liverpool's Scotland ace Kenny Dalglish.

All the votes for Kenny were put into the 'Match Weekly' postbag and young Anthony's was the first one drawn out.

His reasons for choosing Kenny were simply: "I think he's great at football and I'm glad Liverpool won the Milk Cup Final."

Anthony's big day will come later this year when we arrange the presentation ceremony.



Bryan Robson — one of the best all-round players in the world.



What a day it was for 15-year-old Castleford girl Diane Peel when she presented the 1981/82 'Man of the Year' trophy to Tottenham and England favourite Glenn Hoddle.

'Man of the Year' awards 1982-83

the Milk Cup at Wembley was a great occasion, but clinching the League Championship was equally important.

"Being knocked out of the FA Cup by Brighton and the European Cup by Widzew Lodz was disappointing, but overall we can't really grumble."

Kenny gives much of the credit for his sparkling form this season to striking partner Ian Rush. "He is the most lethal finisher in the League and great to play alongside," he says.

"He has scored something in the region of 30 goals again this season, which is a marvellous achievement, and he has also created a number for me."

"People were saying after the World Cup that I might be nearing the end of my career and everyone is entitled to their own opinion, but I still think I can go on playing at the highest level for some time yet."

Kenny has scored a number of spectacular goals this season, but who can forget that captivating effort for Scotland in Belgium?

A shimmy of the hips, an eel-like slippery turn and two defenders were left helpless and aghast as Kenny curled in an absolute beauty.

It had the hallmarks of a truly great player, the stamp of class, which has kept the former Celtic player at the top of his trade for so

long.

Leading the chasing group behind Kenny in our poll, is England and Manchester United skipper Bryan Robson whose outstanding performances in last year's World Cup finally silenced the critics who claimed that he had been vastly over-priced.

He has emerged as one of the best all-round players in Europe, if not the world, making that massive price tag look a gilt-edged investment for United.

Two gifted young strikers fill the next two places. Charlie Nicholas, Celtic's much sought-after striker who collect goals like other people collect stamps, finished third.

And it's an exciting prospect

YOUR MAN



Kenny Dalglish — "It's always nice to be recognised by the fans."

with the new Scottish international possibly being tempted to follow in the footsteps of his former idol Kenny Dalglish from Celtic in search of First Division glory.

Then came Kenny's striking partner Ian Rush, who was second last year to Glenn Hoddle.

He has proved beyond any doubt that last season's goal rush wasn't a flash in the pan.



Charlie Nicholas — collects goals like other people collect stamps.

Here's a selection of your comments:

MY CHOICE

KENNY DALGLISH — 'He's had such a good season after being written off by his critics' — 15-year-old Susan Gregory, Lymm, Cheshire.

MY CHOICE

KENNY DALGLISH — 'His precise passes and perfect touches give

inspiration to his fellow countrymen and his Liverpool team-mates' — 16-year-old Paul Oldfield, Harrogate, North Yorks.

MY CHOICE

KENNY DALGLISH — 'an unselfish and skilful player. A good team member who rarely complains about referees' decisions' — 11-year-old Jason Bradshaw, Warwick.

MY CHOICE

KENNY DALGLISH — 'He leaves his talking to his feet' — 17-year-old Sheila Groves, Dorchester.

MY CHOICE

KENNY DALGLISH — 'Outstanding qualities, superb skills, always calm, smooth, decorative, brilliant finisher and every schoolboy's hero' — 18-year-old Linda Hales, Wymondham, Norfolk.

MY CHOICE

BRYAN ROBSON — 'He has done so much for Manchester United and England and is a fine captain' — 12-year-old Alec Willis, Slough.

MY CHOICE

BRYAN ROBSON — 'He is one of the best all-round players you can think of and is certainly worth his money' — 13-year-old Satinder Parmar, Hitchin.

MY CHOICE

CHARLIE NICHOLAS — Charlie is a natural goalscoring sensation and he delights the crowd! — 14-year-old Ian Ellis, Shrewsbury.

TOP TWENTY

1 Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool)	2,230
2 Bryan Robson (Man. United)	1,060
3 Charlie Nicholas (Celtic)	923
4 Ian Rush (Liverpool)	864
5 Gary Mabbutt (Tottenham)	370
6 Steve Coppell (Man. United)	235
7 Norman Whiteside (Man. United)	206
8 Graeme Souness (Liverpool)	110
9 Sammy Lee (Liverpool)	92
10 Tony Woodcock (Arsenal)	90
11 Pat Jennings (Arsenal)	80
11 Gary Shaw (Aston Villa)	80
13 Gordon Cowans (Aston Villa)	66
14 Frank Stapleton (Man. United)	64
15 Glenn Hoddle (Tottenham)	62
16 Luther Blissett (Watford)	61
17 Gary Bailey (Man. United)	59
18 Gordon Strachan (Aberdeen)	56
19 Kerry Dixon (Reading)	48
20 Graham Rix (Arsenal)	46

SOCCKET TEASER

SCOTLAND'S Aberdeen are the sole British representatives in the European club finals. They face Spanish giants Real Madrid in next week's Cup Winners Cup Final, so here's a little teaser on that competition.

- 1 Who did Aberdeen defeat in the Semi-Finals?
- 2 Who scored two of their goals in the Semi-Finals?
- 3 Which was the last British club to feature in the European Cup Winners' Cup Final?

- 4 Which was the last British team to win the European Cup Winners' Cup?
- 5 Who is the Aberdeen manager?
- 6 Where do Aberdeen play?
- 7 Who won last season's European Cup Winners' Cup?
- 8 Where is next week's Final being played?
- 9 Which was the last British team to beat Real Madrid in European competition?
- 10 Name three of Aberdeen's current Scottish internationals?

GRID GAME

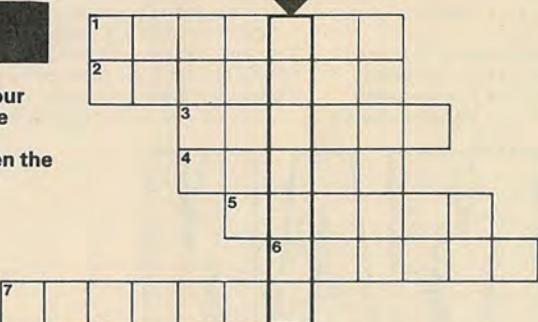
Identify the following England players, write your answers in the special grid (right), and if you are correct, the name of England's big European Championship rivals will be spelled out between the thick black lines.

- 1 Giant Ipswich defender.
- 2 Formerly a Rover, now with Spurs.
- 3 Hard tackling 'Gunner'.
- 4 Powerful black striker.
- 5 'Hammer' at the back.
- 6 The boss's namesake.
- 7 Mike, who's United with the skipper.

WHO'S AT HOME?

Can you name the clubs who play at these League grounds?

1 Home Park	4 Manor Ground
2 Somerton Park	5 Elm Park
3 Boundary Park	



WHO AM I?

I turned professional in 1963 and have played for three different London clubs. I have European Cup Winners' Cup, League and FA Cup winners' medals along with one England cap, and I captained one of the teams as an 18-year-old.



MASKED MAN

CAN you identify our mystery personality about to climb into his Daimler car?

He's a former goalkeeper for a London club who is now playing abroad.

The answer to last week's 'Masked Man' was Crystal Palace defender Jim Cannon.

MATCH 'EM UP

Match up the Scottish Premier Division clubs on the left with the grounds on the right.

1 Dundee United	a) Love Street
2 Dundee	b) Tannadice Park
3 Morton	c) Cappielow Park
4 St Mirren	d) Dens Park
5 Motherwell	e) Fir Park

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The first three correct entries pulled out of the 'Match' postbag will receive the team strips of their choice.

Entries close on Friday, May 13 and the results will be announced in our May 28 issue. Good luck.

Player jumble

UNRAVEL the letters to find the name of an England defender.

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STOP THE ACTION

Here's a crucial incident from one of this season's FA Cup Semi-Finals. Can you name the teams and the goalscorer?



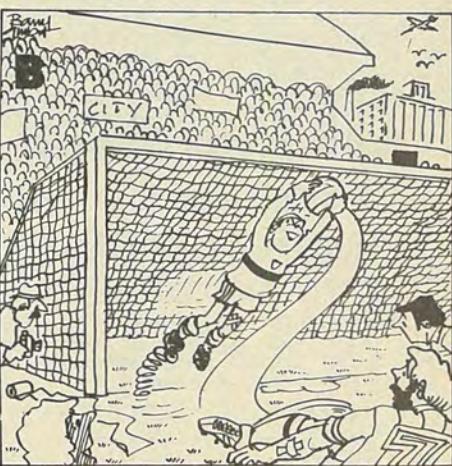
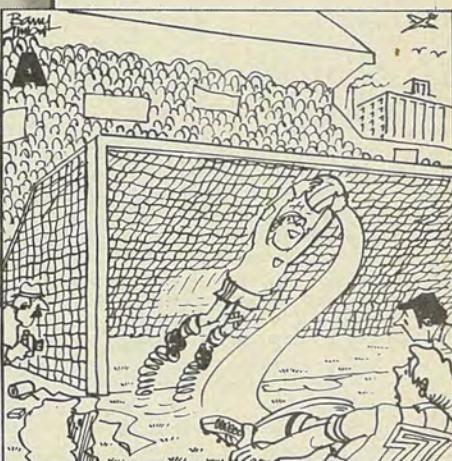
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Spot the boss

Here are three soccer managers, two of them operating in South Yorkshire. Can you identify them and the clubs they manage?



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ENGLAND GET WITH IT!

I WAS almost as delighted as Peter Withe when he clinched England's vital victory over Hungary with that stunning second half goal.

That may seem strange coming from the man who might now find his way back to the England set-up barred by the Aston Villa striker.

But I want to be involved in next year's European Championship Finals in France and, if I'm to achieve that, England just couldn't afford to drop a point against the Hungarians.

So that was why I was thrilled when Peter, who was my main rival for the number nine shirt in last year's World Cup Finals, crashed home his first international goal to seal the issue.

It at least erased some of the memory of the disappointing goalless draw with Greece and has taken England a little further along the road towards France.

All I have to do now is recover my full fitness and convince my former Ipswich boss, Bobby Robson, that I'm the man for the job when we meet Denmark in another crucial Championship clash at Wembley in September.

A lot can happen on the international circuit before then and, although Peter is the current favourite for the centre-forward spot, I'm quietly confident that I'll be back in the limelight next season.

Although I've been troubled by injury problems this season, I've produced some of the best form of my career, and I have every confidence in my ability to get back in the England team.

Peter did a tremendous job as the battering ram in the England attack because I know how tough and uncompromising the Hungarians can be at the back.

You could see the joy written all over his face when he scored that goal. I know just how he felt in scoring his first goal for England.

He's a willing target man with plenty of experience and he did a brilliant job up front in a new strike force with Trevor Francis and Luther Blissett.

It was a brave gamble on the part of the England manager to play a completely untried front trio, but all three played with plenty of energy and conviction and England might well have won by a clearer margin.

Trevor Francis again looked razor-sharp, his confidence no doubt boosted by his hat-trick for Sampdoria just three days before the match and he

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THE PAUL MARINER COLUMN

England got back to their winning ways last week with victory over big rivals Hungary — 'Match' columnist Paul gives his exclusive verdict.

Right: Peter Withe — I was thrilled for him.

took his goal brilliantly.

Luther was again unfortunate not to get on the scoresheet, but he's quick and alert and has done well since getting his chance.

Overall it must have been Bobby Robson's most pleasing result in the light of the pressure brought to bear on the squad by the Greek result.

I was involved in the win in Greece earlier this season and I felt that was a better team performance than the one against Hungary.

However, there was probably more pressure at Wembley. England desperately needed to win with both Hungary and Denmark breathing down their necks in the race for that one qualifying place.

I would imagine that Bobby must have been a little apprehensive before the match, particularly as he was robbed of several key players.

The absence of Manchester United pair Bryan Robson and Steve Coppell must have come as the biggest blow.

Both are vital players in the England team and, no matter how well England play, they are both bound to be missed.

Steve in particular is a dream to play with. He works so hard on the right hand side and produces some fantastic crosses.

There were certainly some fears that England's midfield lacked experience for such an important match, but the youngsters, Sammy Lee, Gary Mabbutt and Gordon Cowans, did all that could be asked of them.

Although they only had ten caps between them, they have plenty of experience at club level and in European competitions.

Little Sammy Lee, for instance, has been involved with Liverpool's success both here and on the Continent and he's obviously boosted at this level by having team-mate Phil Neal coaxing him from behind.

Gary was detailed to deny Hungary dangerman Tibor Nyilasi any time and space, and he not only achieved that but also had time to get forward.

Gordon was helped by having Villa colleague Peter Withe up front, but he has shown his England potential since getting his chance against Wales and appears to have pushed his name to the fore in this position.

Apart from one early scare when Peter Shilton produced a brilliant save, the England defence wasn't severely tested and the back four is looking fairly settled.

Hungary are a skilful team, but we have had the Indian sign over them in recent years.

Our wins over them in the World Cup qualifying competition were quite comfortable, and I regard our 3-1 victory in Budapest as one of the highlights of my career because it kept us on the road to Spain.

When we beat them in the return, Hungary had already qualified and once I had scored midway through the second half, they didn't put up much resistance.

The latest result was a fantastic one for English football and I hope we can keep marching along that road towards the Finals in France next summer.

Paul Mariner was talking to Melvyn Beck.

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MIDDLESBROUGH skipper Irving Nattrass is convinced that the arrival of charismatic Malcolm Allison saved the club from imminent disaster.

"Before he came in mid-October, we were rock bottom and certainties to drop straight into the Third Division. And that would have been pretty close to the end of this club," says the former Newcastle defender.

"Morale was low and confidence had gone. It was a desperate struggle to come into training every day knowing that the situation wouldn't improve."

"But following Malcolm's

arrival, we could see hope for the future, even if we lost our relegation battle. We realised that managing to stay up would be like achieving promotion in view of the position we were in a few months ago."

"And I will be very surprised if, at the end of Malcolm's two-year contract, we haven't achieved some degree of success."

"The dressing room atmosphere has changed out of all recognition. He has everyone in the club pulling together and that's half the battle."

"With a few more additions

BIG MAL'S NEW STYLE

KELHAM'S BIG BREAK

THE name Kelham O'Hanlon sounds as Irish as you can get.

So much so that both Ireland camps contacted Middlesbrough feeling certain they had uncovered a future goalkeeping talent.

It came as a bit of a surprise for them to learn that the 20-year-old newcomer's only link with the Emerald Isle was a grandmother who spent just three months in County Mayo from birth.

He's a Middlesbrough lad through and through, with a Yorkshire accent as broad as cricketer Geoff Boycott's bat.

But, as a result of that tenuous link with Southern Ireland, his North Country lingo will be echoing round the Eire dressing room next month.

Above: Potting for points and safety is Middlesbrough skipper Irving Nattrass (left) in a relaxing moment with top scorer David Shearer.

Below: Middlesbrough's new goalkeeping discovery Kelham O'Hanlon is put through his paces in training. He used to stand on the Ayresome Park terraces and dream about playing for the club.



The Middlesbrough fan turned rising star has accepted an invitation to join the Eire Under-21 squad for a tournament in France, after little more than a dozen League appearances.

"When I received letters from the two Irish FAs, I had to delve into my family background to see whether I was eligible for them."

"I've an Irish surname but both my parents were born in England, and I suppose everyone just presumed I had an Irish connection."

"When I learned of my grandmother's link with Eire, I discussed the situation with Malcolm Allison, and he

SOFTLY,

it came when he wasn't prepared for it...

"Jim Platt went down ill just before the home clash with Sheffield Wednesday back in January in the week that I had the plaster removed after being out a month with knee ligament problems," recalls Kelham.

"I'd had only one day's training when Malcolm called me in on the Friday and asked me whether I would play against Wednesday."

"It was ironical to think that I had been fit and ready for my chance for the previous six months."

"I naturally jumped at the chance and Malcolm reassured me that I could make as many mistakes as I liked so long as I came out for every cross."

Middlesbrough collected a vital point in the televised 1-1 draw which heralded the arrival of young Kelham.

He retained his place for the following Saturday's 1-0 defeat at Fulham.

"I never thought about just keeping the shirt warm for Jim and the manager bravely stuck by me for the Cup-tie against Notts County."

"It would have been so easy to have brought Jim back. He could have played safe, patted me on the back and assured me that he had brought Jim back for experience."

"But he didn't and I'm grateful for that."



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to the squad next season, there is no reason why we can't go from strength to strength under Malcolm."

Irving, a record £470,000 buy from Newcastle four years ago, admits the players couldn't believe it when Malcolm was introduced to them as the new manager.

"We had heard rumours for a couple of days before his arrival, but we were rather sceptical about them."

"We couldn't believe it when he turned up, but he was the type of manager the area needed. He has done for Middlesbrough what Kevin Keegan has done down the

road for my old club Newcastle."

"He knows he faces a rebuilding job after the sale of players like Craig Johnston, David Armstrong, Mark Proctor, Tony McAndrew, Ian Bailey and David Hodgson."

"The club desperately needed the money and the players, some of them at the end of their contracts, couldn't refuse incredible offers. We had to accept that Middlesbrough couldn't compete with the likes of Liverpool, Manchester United and Southampton."

"So it was fairly inevitable that we would be relegated from the First Division last season. Whatever happened it

LISTENING to Malcolm Allison talking about keeping a low profile in his latest managerial chapter, you wonder whether you are hearing things.

Could this possibly be 'Big Mal' in the opposite corner of the Middlesbrough referee's room — that larger than life character whose soccer path has been littered with controversy and flamboyant predictions about future glories?

Earlier that day, as he shivered his way through a training session on a cheerless, grey day in the depressed North East, it seemed impossible to imagine that just a few months earlier he had been the toast of sunny Portugal after steering Sporting Lisbon to the

Championship.

There was no evidence of the famous fedora, fat cigar and bottle of champagne that has been the very trademark of his colourful lifestyle, and, what was more surprising, no brash statements about what he is going to achieve at Ayresome Park.

He did allow himself one little dig in the general direction of England boss Bobby Robson in declaring, not for the first time, that Kevin Keegan is still the best striker in the country, but that was it.

There were no outlandish statements and no bold promises to the frustrated Teesside fans that he is about to transform the struggling club into a First Division success story.

ALLISON'S ARRIVAL AVERTED DISASTER

was clear that the club needed stripping bare and starting again.

"You're lucky if you can completely rebuild a team in the First Division and survive. Even Manchester United went down one season to rebuild."

"But, after three 4-1 defeats in our first four home matches this season, the signs were pointing to the Third Division

and disaster.

"Hopefully the slide has been arrested and under Mal we are hoping that he can guide us back into the First Division."

"We realise we aren't good enough at the moment, but if Mal can pick up one or two established players in the close season, notably a regular goalscorer, then we might be up at the other end of the table"

"I want to keep a low profile. I want to be successful for this club, but I want to achieve any success nice and quietly without putting any extra pressure on the players," he stresses, as if to indicate that, at 52, he has had enough of the limelight.

"My ambitions with Middlesbrough are to build a very good side which I could stay with for four or five years and enjoy some success with."

"I don't fancy moving off and starting all over again somewhere else. When you build a good side, it makes life that much easier."

Mal's only concession to his new image is to forecast that the Middlesbrough fans will see a much better side in action next season.

And, on his own admission, that wouldn't present him with one of the most difficult challenges of his chequered career.

"The club could not have been in a worse state when I joined them in October," he recalls.

"They were bottom of the Second Division with only seven points from ten matches, no money and a set of players whose confidence and morale was at a low ebb.

"If the situation had been allowed to continue for much longer, they would have gone straight into the Third Division without a fight."

"I have never thought about trying to keep Middlesbrough out of the Third Division. I like to think about getting the team playing as well as it can."

"My appointment at least took some pressure off the players. The Press were more concerned about me and that helped."

"When I took over before the Queen's Park Rangers game on October 23, I told the players there were still 96 more points to be won."

"We beat Rangers 2-1, although rather fortunately, and from that day their attitude both on and off the field has been first class."

"I have changed some of the things about the way they played but there is still a lot of work to be done in removing some of the bad habits."

But, with no money available for new talent, at least for six months, 'Big Mal' realises he faces a problem in attempting major surgery.

"I knew the financial situation when I joined, and I have to accept it," he says.

"But I have four or five good young players, two brilliant pros in Kevin Beattie — when he's fit — and Irving Nattrass and, with a little bit of good fortune, I've the makings of a fairly good side."

"The two youngsters who have been the biggest influence in the past few months are Paul Sugrue, whom I picked up from non-League, and Mick Kennedy. They have shown tremendous enthusiasm."

Left: A thoughtful Malcolm Allison quietly reflects on his challenge at Middlesbrough.

"Players like Steve Bell and Darren Wood have considerable potential at 18, but it's impossible to say how well they will develop until you see them performing in a successful team."

"Once they get involved in a successful run instead of these weekly battles against relegation and recognise what they are capable of achieving, then they could have a big future."

"But you have got to be patient when rebuilding. All I know at the moment is that we will be a much better team next season."

Is a Keegan-like player on his mind?

"It would be great to have a seasoned pro like Kevin around, but there are not many top class players around at the moment."

"But I don't think that even a player of his calibre would bring the crowds in here like it has at Newcastle. Only a successful team would bring them back here, not just a star name."

"They are football-draft in the North East, but they've not had much to cheer about in recent years. It's not been a good season this time around, but it looks like getting better."

Mind you, Mal didn't know anything about Middlesbrough or the North East until he arrived.

"When the chairman rang me up in Portugal to ask me whether I was interested in the job, I asked him where Middlesbrough was!"

"But after the second phone call, I took up his offer. I had been suspended for six weeks by Sporting Lisbon after a row with a couple of directors over money. I wanted a job and my wife wanted to come home to England, it was as simple as that."

"I didn't look upon it as a bigger challenge than when I first joined Manchester City or Crystal Palace."

"Palace were in worse straits than Middlesbrough, particularly on the financial front, and City were 14th in the Second Division when I joined them."

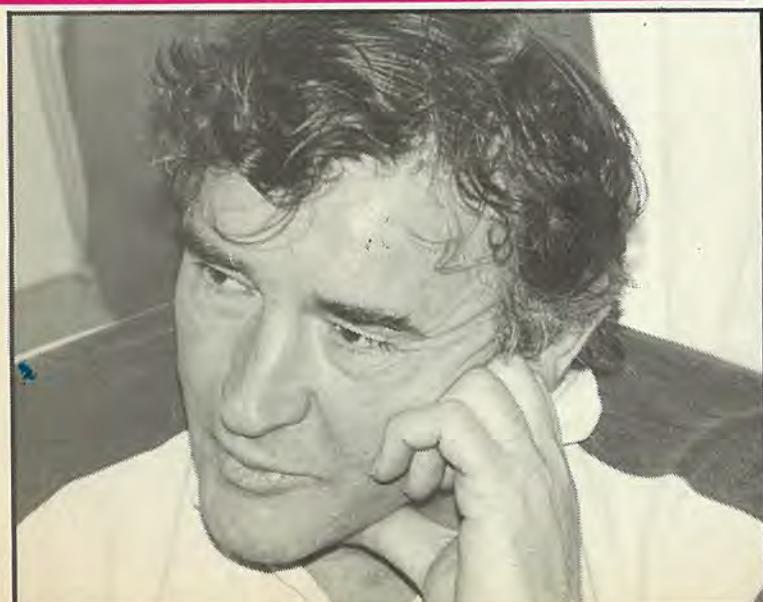
"All jobs have their problems, but you can also make a lot for yourself if you're not careful."

"'Big Mal' has made more than most during his illustrious soccer career, but there are signs that he intends to avoid too many this time in his search to make his football team do more of the talking."

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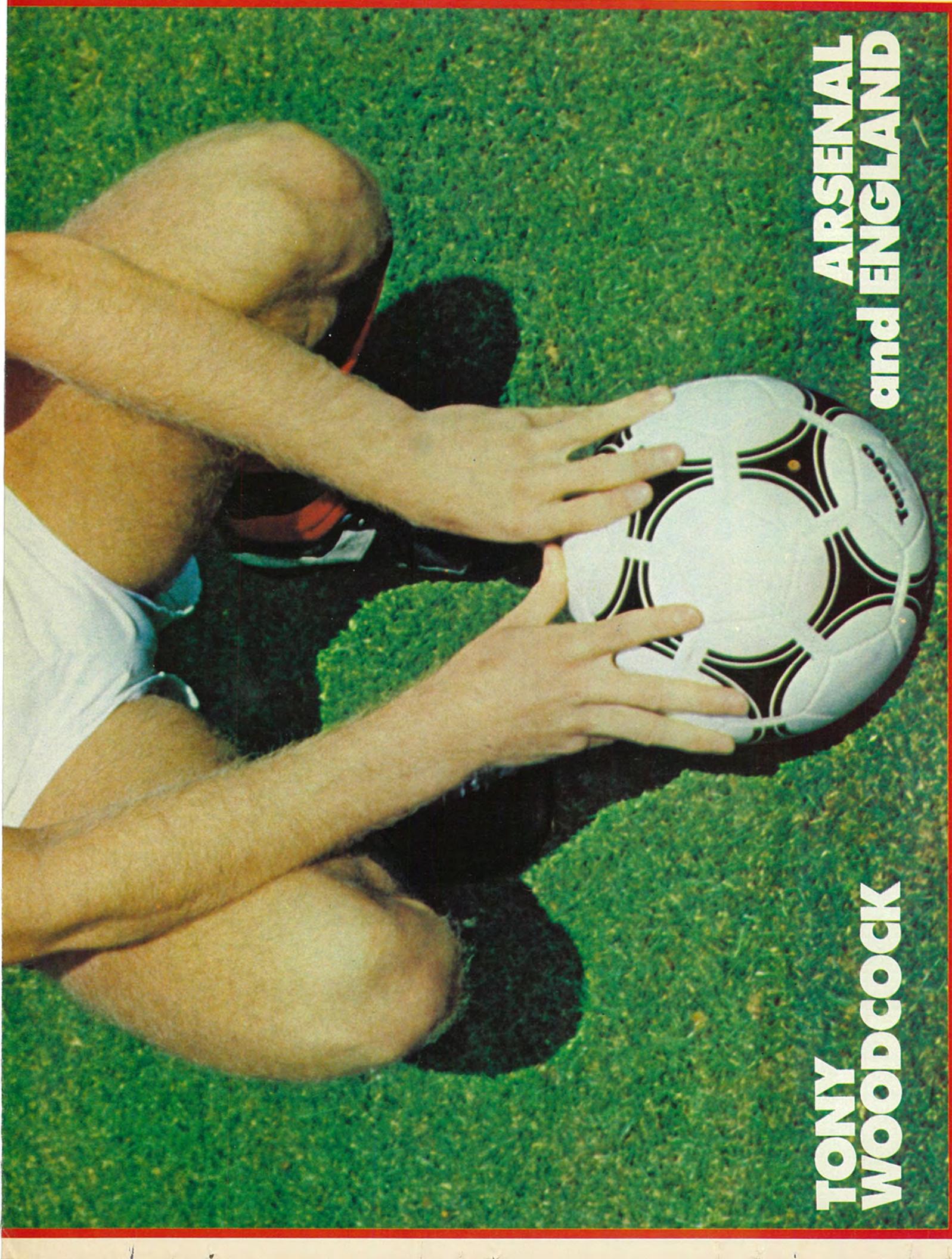
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STAR CHALLENGE

LIVERPOOL's famous Kop will say a fond and emotional farewell to retiring manager Bob Paisley at Anfield on Saturday afternoon.

It's the League Champions' last home game under his charge and there's bound to be a packed house to see the team receive their 14th title.

Stoke midfield star Sammy McIlroy, this week's special guest on 'Star Challenge', says: "The atmosphere will be terrific and I'm going for the players to complete the celebrations with a 2-0 win over Aston Villa.

"With the title already deservedly sewn up, the pressure will be off the players. They'll want to put on a vintage display."

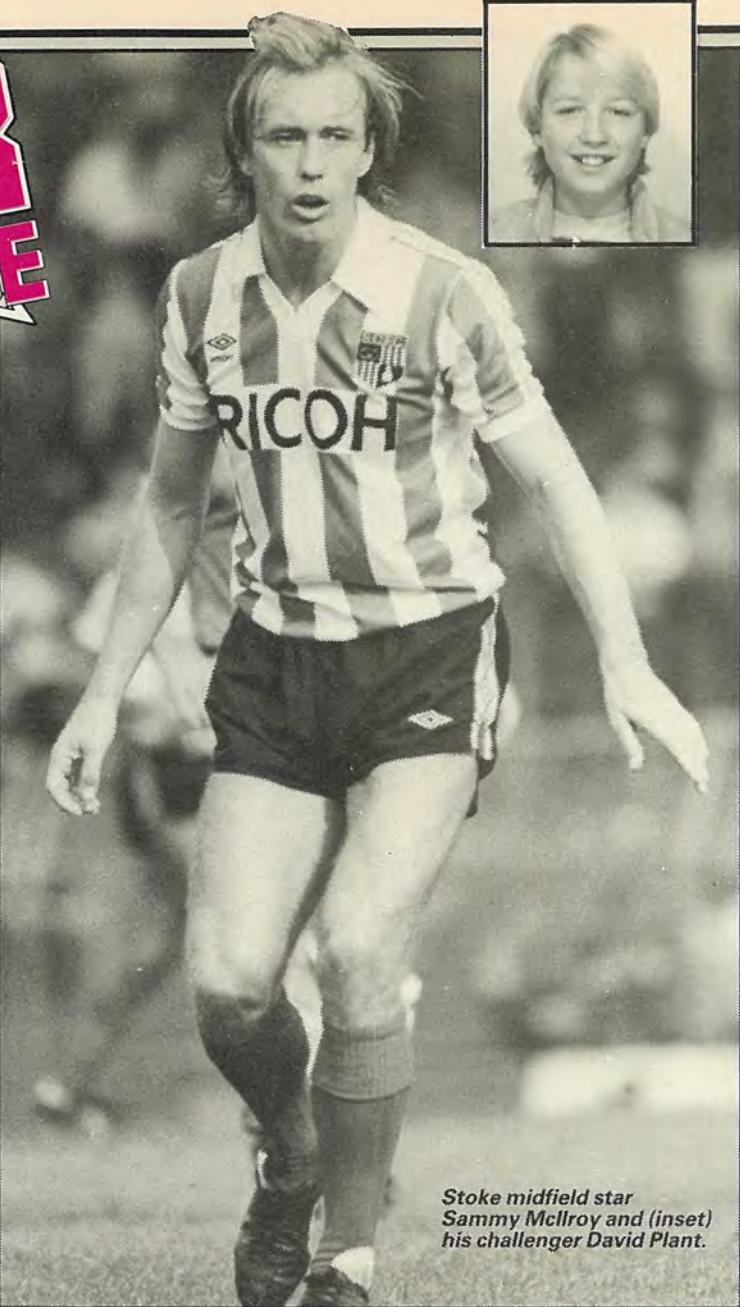
Sammy has another reason for wanting Liverpool to win. A defeat for Villa would be a boost for Stoke's hopes of a place in the UEFA Cup next season.

Watford already look assured of a European place, but the Northern Ireland ace believes they'll receive a setback against Ipswich at Portman Road on Saturday.

He says: "I've been disappointed with Ipswich this season, but perhaps too much was expected of them following the loss of manager Bobby Robson and influential figures like Arnold Muhren and Mick Mills.

"But the Suffolk side still have an outside chance of Europe and they'll be desperate not to let it slip.

"I've got a great deal of admiration for Watford. Manager Graham Taylor has worked really hard and deserves his success."



Stoke midfield star Sammy McIlroy and (inset) his challenger David Plant.

SAMMY McILROY IS THIS WEEK'S STAR GUEST

Here are the ten selected matches for this week, together with the predictions of a lucky 'Match' reader and his famous opponent.

There's space for you to fill in your predictions and a column for the

actual result.

Award two points for every correct score and one point if the result is correct (i.e. home win, away win, draw), but the scoreline is wrong.

	David's forecast	Sammy's forecast	Your forecast	Result
Arsenal v Sunderland	0-0	1-1		
Birmingham v Spurs	1-3	1-1		
Brighton v Man C	3-0	2-0		
Ipswich v Watford	1-0	1-0		
Liverpool v Aston Villa	2-3	2-0		
Luton v Everton	2-0	1-1		
Man Utd v Swansea	2-2	3-0		
Nott'm F v Norwich	1-0	1-0		
West Brom v Southampton	0-2	0-0		
West Ham v Notts C	2-1	2-1		

At the bottom of the First Division, there's a mad scramble to avoid relegation and Birmingham are favourites to be one of the unlucky teams.

They face Tottenham at St Andrews and Sammy says: "I'm going for a draw because both sides need points for different reasons."

Sammy has been challenged this week by Stoke fan David Plant. If the 10-year-old from Chel Green manages to beat his hero, he'll be awarded a special certificate.

The name of the game is forecasting results and points will be awarded according to the accuracy of the predictions.

But win, lose or draw, David won't go home empty-handed. He'll receive an autographed picture of Sammy.

FIXTURES

Saturday, May 7
DIVISION ONE

Arsenal v Sunderland
Birmingham v Spurs
Brighton v Man C
Ipswich v Watford
Liverpool v Aston Villa
Luton v Everton
Man Utd v Swansea
Nott'm F v Norwich
Stoke v Coventry
West Brom v Southampton
West Ham v Notts C

DIVISION TWO

Barnsley v Charlton
Bolton v Chelsea
Burnley v Grimsby
C Palace v Derby
Fulham v Carlisle
Middlesb' v Cambridge
Newcastle v Sheff Wed
Oldham v Leicester
QPR v Wolves
Rotherham v Blackburn
Shrewsbury v Leeds

DIVISION THREE

Bournemouth v Wigan
Cardiff v Orient
Exeter v Doncaster
Gillingham v Bristol R
Huddersfield v Newport
Oxford v Chesterfield
Portsmouth v Southend
Preston v Reading
Sheff Utd v Lincoln
Walsall v Bradford
Wrexham v Plymouth

DIVISION FOUR

Aldershot v Halifax
Bristol C v Crewe
Hartlepool v Rochdale
Hull v Colchester
Peterborough v Mansfield
Scunthorpe v Darlington
Torquay v Chester
Tranmere v Bury
Wimbledon v Blackpool
York v Hereford

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

Celtic v Morton
Dundee Utd v Motherwell
Hibernian v Rangers
St Mirren v Dundee

FIRST DIVISION

Alloa v St Johnstone
Ayr v Raith
Dumbarton v Hearts
Dunfermline v Falkirk
Hamilton v Clyde
Partick v Airdrie
Queens Park v Clydebank

SECOND DIVISION

Arbroath v Stenhousemuir
Brechin v Meadowbank
East Stirling v East Fife
Forfar v Berwick
Montrose v Cowdenbeath
Qun of the South v Albion
Stranraer v Stirling

Sunday, May 8
DIVISION THREE

Millwall v Brentford

DIVISION FOUR

Swindon v Northampton

Monday, May 9
DIVISION ONE

Man Utd v Luton

DIVISION FOUR

Port Vale v Scunthorpe

Tuesday, May 10 DIVISION ONE

West Ham v Arsenal

DIVISION TWO

Burnley v QPR

DIVISION THREE

Portsmouth v Walsall

Wednesday, May 11
DIVISION ONE

Spurs v Man Utd

MATCH FACTS

Tuesday, April 26

Division Three

BRADFORD v SHEFFIELD UNITED — Match Postponed

Division Four

HALIFAX v WIMBLEDON — Match Postponed

ROCHDALE (2) 2 (Higgins 21, French 33)
COLCHESTER (0) 1 (Allinson 81)

Att: 1,219
Rochdale: Crawford 6, Greenhoff, B 6, Keegan 7, ***FARRELL** 8, Higgins 7, Taylor 7, Thompson, D 7, Thompson, S 6, French 6, Greenhoff, J 7, Martinez 7.
Colchester: ***WALKER** 8, Cook 6, Packer 6, McDonough 7, Wignall 6, Coleman 6, Allinson 6, Osborne 6, Bowen 6, Adcock 6 (sub. Groves), Hull 6.
Referee: M. Peck (Kendal)
Match Rating: **★★★**

SCUNTHORPE (0) 3 (Lester 47, Cammack 75, Pointon 82)

PETERBOROUGH (0) 0

Att: 3,211
Scunthorpe: Neenan 6, Keeley 6, ***POINTON** 8, Boxall 7, Baines 7, Hunter 7, Graham 6, Cammack 7, Cowling 7, Lester 6, Leman 6.
Peterborough: Seaman 6, Winters 6, Collins 7, ***GYNN** 8, Firm 6, Slack 5, Clarke 7, Rodaway 6, Chard 7, Benjamin 6, Rayment 5.
Referee: G. Tyson (Sunderland)
Match Rating: **★★**

SWINDON (1) 2 (Pritchard 10, Rideout 67)

TORQUAY (0) 1 (Cooper 83)

Att: 2,509
Swindon: Allan 7, Baille 7, Baddeley 6, Batty 7, Lewis 6, Graham 7, ***PRITCHARD** 8, Barnard 6, Rideout 7, Rowland 7, Hughes 7.
Torquay: Horn 7, Doyle 6, Holmes 6, James 7, Little 6, Jones 7, Bishop 5 (sub. Sheridan), Carter 6, ***COOPER** 8, Anderson 7, Gallagher 6.
Referee: H. Taylor (Oadby)
Match Rating: **★★★**

UEFA U-21 Championship Group Three

ENGLAND (0) 1 (Walsh)

HUNGARY (0) 0

Att: 7,810 (at Newcastle)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ENGLAND	4	3	0	1	7	3	6
Greece	2	1	0	1	2	2	2
Hungary	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Norway	1	0	0	1	1	4	0

Group Four

WALES (0) 0

BULGARIA (1) 1 (Volchev)

Att: 2,403 (at Bangor)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yugoslavia	3	2	1	0	6	2	5
Bulgaria	3	2	0	1	3	2	4
Norway	3	0	2	1	2	4	2
WALES	3	0	1	2	0	3	1

Wednesday, April 27

Division Two

LEEDS (1) 1 (Ritchie 16)

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (1) 2 (Hart, og 30, Bannister 78)

Att: 16,591

Leeds: ***HARVEY** 8, Thomas 7 (sub. Gavin), Gray, F 6, Sheridan 6, Hart 6, Dickinson 7, Hird 6, Butterworth 6, Ritchie 7, Donnelly 7, Graham 6.

Sheff Wed: Bolder 7, Strelan 6, Williamson 6, Smith 6, Lyons 7, Shelton 6, Megson 7, Mills 7, ***BANNISTER** 8, McCullough 7, Heard 6.

Referee: M. Peck (Kendal)

Match Rating: **★★★★**

PLAYER RATINGS

10 Out of this world
9 Outstanding
8 Excellent
7 Good
6 Adequate
5 Off form
4 Poor

MATCH RATINGS

★★★★★ A classic
★★★★★ Good value
★★★★★ Satisfactory
★★★ Dull
★★ A waste of money

Division Three

OXFORD (0) 1 (Fogg, pen 74)

MILLWALL (0) 0

Att: 4,161

Oxford: Hardwick 6, Fogg 6, Smithers 7, Barnett 6, Briggs 6, Shotton 6, Jones 7, Thomas 6, Vinter 6, Lawrence 7, ***BROCK** 8.
Millwall: ***WELLS** 7, Lovell 5, Stride 6, White 6, Nutton 6, Cusack 5, Bremner 6, Neal 6, Madden 6, Orlakowski 6, Martin 5.

Referee: C. Newsome (Broseley)

Match Rating: **★★★**

SCOTTISH Premier Division

KILMARNOCK (0) 2 (Gallagher 68, 86)

ST MIRREN (2) 2 (McAvennie 8, McDougall 25)

Att: 2,200

Kilmarnock: McCulloch 6, Cockburn 5, Clark, R 5, Clark, M 5, McCudden 6, Clarke, P 5, McGivern 6, MacLeod 6, Eadie 5, Simpson 5, ***GALLAGHER** 7.
St Mirren: Thomson 7, Wilson 6, Clarke, S 6, Fitzpatrick 7, Fulton 6, McCormack 6, Wardrop 7, ***McAVENNIE** 8, McDougall 6, Abercromby 6, Scanlon 6.

Referee: L. Cuthill (Winchburgh)

Match Rating: **★★**

MOTHERWELL (0) 0
ABERDEEN (1) 3 (McGhee 11, Strachan 57, Hewitt 74)

Att: 6,187

Motherwell: Walker 6, Dornan 5, McLeod 5, Wark 6, Edvaldsson 6, ***FLAVELL** 7, Gahagan 6, Rafferty 4, Harrow 5, McClair 5, O'Hara 6.

Aberdeen: Leighton 7, Cooper 6, Rougvie 7, McMaster 6, McLeish 7, Miller 7.

***STRACHAN** 8, Simpson 6, McGhee 7, Watson 6, Hewitt 7.

Referee: E. Pringle (Edinburgh)

Match Rating: **★★★**

Second Division

COWDENBEATH (1) 4 (Gibson 40, 63, 73, 89)

STRANRAER (0) 0

Att: 840

European Championships

Group Three

ENGLAND (1) 2 (Francis, Withe)

HUNGARY (0) 0

Att: 55,000

England: Shilton, Neal, Sansom, Lee, Martin, Butcher, Mabbott, Francis, Withe, Cowans, Blissett.

Hungary: Katirz, Martos (sub. Bursca), Kocsis, Toth, Hannich, Garaba, Varga, Nyilasi, Kiss (sub. Torocsik), Kardos, Hajszan.

DENMARK (0) 1 (Busk)

GREECE (0) 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
ENGLAND	5	3	2	0	16	2	8
Denmark	3	2	1	0	5	3	5
Hungary	3	2	0	1	12	6	4
Greece	4	1	1	1	2	4	3
Luxembourg	5	0	0	5	0	25	0

Group Four

WALES (0) 1 (Charles)

BULGARIA (0) 0

Att: 9,006 (at Wrexham)

Wales: Southall, Jones, Jackett, Nicholas, Price, Ratcliffe, James R, Flynn, Rush (sub Charles), Thomas, Davies.

Bulgaria: Velinov, Nikolov, Arabov, Petrov, Borisov, Zdravkov, Yontchev, Yordanov, Djevizov, Sadakov, Mladenov.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
WALES	3	2	1	0	6	4	5
Norway	3	1	1	1	5	4	3
Yugoslavia	3	1	1	1	6	7	3
Bulgaria	3	0	1	2	2	4	1

Group Six

NORTHERN IRELAND (0) 1 (Stewart)

ALBANIA (0) 0

Att: 10,000

N. Ireland: Jennings, Nicholl J, McClelland, O'Neill J, O'Neill M, Donaghy, McIlroy, Brotherton, Hamilton, Armstrong, Stewart.

Albania: Musta, Ruci, Ahmetagi, Targa, Omuri, Eskaro, Muca, Lame, Munga, Bokatana, Demolari.

AUSTRIA (0) 0

WEST GERMANY (0) 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Austria	4	3	1	0	11	0	7
N. IRELAND	5	3	1	1	4	3	7
W. Germany	4	2	1	1	5	2	5
Turkey	4	1	0	3	2	9	2
Albania	5	0	1	4	1	9	1

Group Seven

SPAIN (0) 2 (Santillana, Rincon)

EIRE (0) 0

Att: 45,000 (in Zaragoza)

Spain: Arconada, Juan Jose, Maseda, Bonet, Camacho, Victor (sub. Gallego), Senor, Gordillo, Marcos, Santillana, Carrasco (sub. Rincon).

Eire: McDonagh, Lawrenson, O'Leary, Martin, Hughton, Whelan, Grealish, Waddock, Grimes (sub. O'Callaghan K), Stapleton, Walsh M.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	4	3	1	0	7	3	7
Holland	4	2	1	1	9	3	5
EIRE	5	2	1	2	7	7	5
Malta	3	1	0	2	2	8	2
Iceland	4	0	1	3	2	6	1

Group One

BELGIUM 2

EAST GERMANY 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	4	4	0	0	10	4	8
SCOTLAND	4	1	1	2	6	7	3
Switzerland	3	1	1	1	4	5	3
East Germany	3	0	0	3	2	6	0

Group Two

USSR 5
PORTUGAL 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
USSR	2	2	0	0	7	0	4
Portugal	3	2	0	1	5	6	4
Poland	3	1	1	1	5	5	3
Finland	4	0	1	3	3	8	1

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Division Two

CHARLTON (0) 0

SHREWSBURY (0) 1 (Brown 86)

Att: 4,838

Charlton: Johns 7, Curtis 6, Dickenson 6, McAlister 6, McDonald 6, Berry 6, Smith 7, ***HARRIS** 8, Hales 6, White 7, Robinson 6.

Shrewsbury: Ogrizovic 8, Williams 7.

Johnson 6, Griffin 7, Pearson 7, Stevens 6, McNally 6, McLaren 6, ***BROWN** 9, Cross 6 (sub. Betts 6), Bates 6.

Referee: D. A. Hedges (Oxford)

Match Rating: **★★★**

Division Three

SOUTHEND (0) 1 (Greaves 64)

WALSALL (0) 1 (May, og 78)

Att: 1,904

Southend: ***CAWSTON** 8, Stead 6, Moody 7, May 7, Walker 7, Greaves 6, Pountney 5, Phillips 7, Mercer 5, Owens 5, Nelson 6.

Walsall: Kearns 6, Caswell 6, Mower 7.

Shakespeare 6, Sinnott 7, ***HART** 8, Rees 6, Preece 7, Summerfield 6, Buckley 7, O'Kelly 6.

Referee: A. Robinson (Waterloooville)

Match Rating: **★★★**

Division Four

COLCHESTER (2) 3 (Allinson, pen 34, Bowen 39, McDonough 88)

BRISTOL CITY (1) 1 (Ritchie, pen 43)

Att: 2,196

Colchester: Walker 8, Cook 7 (sub. McDonough 7), Packer 6, Leslie 5, Wignall 7, Coleman

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COVENTRY (0) 0
WEST BROM (1) 1 (Perry 17)
 Att: 9,410
Coventry: ★**SEALEY** 7, Thomas 6, Roberts 6, Butterworth 6, Dyson 6 (sub. Melrose 6), Gillespie 5, Whitton 5, Francis 5, Hateley 5, Jacobs 5, Hunt 5.
West Brom: Barron 7, Webb 7, Statham 7, Whitehead 7, Wile 7, Robertson 7, Jol 7.
 ★**THOMPSON** 8, Perry 7, Owen 7, Cross 7.
 Referee: D. Scott (Burnley)
 Match Rating: ★★

EVERTON (1) 2 (Sharp 32, 82)
WEST HAM (0) 0
 Att: 16,355
Everton: Southall 7, Stevens 6, Bailey 7, Ratcliffe 7, Higgins 7, Richardson 7, Ainscow 6, Johnson 7, Sharp 8, Heath 8, ★**SHEEDY** 9.
West Ham: Parkes 6, Stewart 6, Brush 5, Bonds 5, Martin 5, Devonshire 6, Van der Elst 6, ★**GODDARD** 8, Swindlehurst 7, Dickens 6, Pike 6.
 Referee: K. Holbrook (Wolverhampton)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

MANCHESTER CITY (0) 1 (Baker 72)
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (1) 2 (Wallace 10, Davenport 62)
 Att: 23,563
Man City: Williams 6, Ranson 6, McDonald 6, Reid 5, Caton 6, Bond 7, Tuart 7, Baker 5, Kinsey 6, ★**HARTFORD** 8, Power 6.
Nott'm Forest: Van Breukelen 6, Anderson 5, Swain 6, Gunn 6, Young 6, Bowyer 5, Hodge 6, Wallace 7, Davenport 7, Walsh 5, ★**ROBERTSON** 8.
 Referee: G. Courtney (Spennymoor)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

NORWICH (0) 1 (Barham 59)
MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 1 (Whiteside 49)
 Att: 22,986
Norwich: Woods 7, Haylock 6, Downs 7, O'Neill 7, Walford 7, Watson 7, ★**BARHAM** 9, Channon 8, Deehan 7, Bertschin 6, Bennett 6.
Man Utd: Bailey 7, Duxbury 6, Grimes 6, Moses 7, Moran 7, McQueen 6, Robson 6, Wilkins 7, Stapleton 7, ★**WHITESIDE** 8, Cunningham 7.
 Referee: D. Reeves (Uxbridge)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

Keegan's invite

KEVIN KEEGAN is number one on the invitation list to play in a testimonial game for Paul Breitner later this month.

Says the retiring West German star: 'Nobody could possibly forget what Kevin did for Hamburg and what he did to get our Bundesliga a good name when he was over here.'

'Some of us were a bit angry he was not German . . . we needed players like him in our national team!'

'He was a fantastic player and a fantastic sportsman — someone England can be really proud of.'

The testimonial match will feature a star-studded international side versus Bayern Munich and takes place in the Olympic Stadium on May 31. Breitner himself will play 45 minutes for each side. Other stars lined-up to play include:

Zoff, Gentile, Cabrini, Rossi, Boniek and Platini (all Juventus), Schumacher, Littbarski (Cologne), Conti, Falcao (Roma), Schuster, Maradona (Barcelona), Beckenbauer (New York Cosmos), Pezzey (Eintracht Frankfurt), Kempes (Valencia) and Santillana (Real Madrid).

NOTTS COUNTY (0) 1 (Kilcline 81)
BRIGHTON (0) 0
 Att: 7,549
Notts County: Avramovic 6, Benjamin 6, Hunt 6, Goodwin 6 (sub. Clarke 6).
 ★**KILCLINE** 8, Richards 7, Chiodze 6, Christie 7, McCulloch 6, Lahtinen 6, Worthington 6.
Brighton: Moseley 5, Ramsey 7, Gattting 6, Greatly 7, Foster 6, Stevens 7, McNab 7.
 ★**HOWLETT** 8, Connor 7, Smith 5, Smillie 7.
 Referee: N. Wilson (Morecambe)
 Match Rating: ★★★

SOUTHAMPTON (2) 2 (Wright 19, Armstrong 28)
LUTON (2) 2 (Elliott 5, Antic 31)
 Att: 18,237
Southampton: Shilton 7, Agbola 6, Mills 7, ★**WILLIAMS** 8, Nicholl 6, Wright 6, Holmes 6, Baird 5 (sub. Puckett 6), Moran 6, Armstrong 7, Wallace 7.
Luton: Godden 6, Stephens 7, Money 6, ★**ANTIC** 8, Elliott 6, Donaghy 6, Hill 5, Aylott 6, Walsh 7 (sub. Goodyear 6), Turner 6, Moss 6.
 Referee: J. E. Bray (Hinckley)
 Match Rating: ★★★

SUNDERLAND (1) 1 (West 22)
BIRMINGHAM (0) 2 (Blake, pen 81, Harford 86)
 Att: 14,818
Sunderland: Prudhoe 6, Whitfield 5, Munro 5, ★**ATKINS** 7, Clisholm 6, Pickering 5, Venison 5, Rowell 5, West 6, James 5, Cummins 6.
Birmingham: Coton 6, Van den Hauwe 6, Dennis 7, Hagan 6, ★**BLAKE** 8, Phillips 6, Broadhurst 5, Handysides 6, Harford 5, Halsall 5, Hopkins 5.
 Referee: K. Walmsley (Blackpool)
 Match Rating: ★★

SWANSEA (0) 1 (Rajkovic 77)
IPSWICH (0) 1 (Mariner 54)
 Att: 8,568
Swansea: Sander 7, Marustik 7, Richards 6, Charles 6, ★**LEWIS** 8, Rajkovic 7, Loveridge 6 (sub. Pascoe 6), James 7, Gale 6, Kennedy 7, Latchford 7.
Ipswich: Cooper 7, Burley 7, McCall 6, Putney 6, Steggles 6 (sub. Turner 7), Butcher 7, Wark 7, Gernon 6, Mariner 7, D'Avray 6, ★**O'CALLAGHAN** 8.
 Referee: V. G. Callow (Solihull)
 Match Rating: ★★★

TOTTENHAM (0) 2 (Archibald 49, 54)
LIVERPOOL (0) 0
 Att: 44,907
Spurs: Clemence 7, Hughton 7, O'Reilly 7, Roberts 7, Miller 7, Perryman 7, ★**MABBUTT** 9, Archibald 8, Galvin 5, Hoddle 8, Brazil 7, Liverpool: Grobelaar 7, Neal 7.
 ★**KENNEDY** 8, Lawrenson 7, Thompson 7, Hansen 6, Dalglish 7, Hodgson 7, Rush 7, Johnston 6, Souness 6.
 Referee: M. Roberts (Sutton Coldfield)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

WATFORD (0) 2 (Barnes 64, Blissett 75)
ARSENAL (0) 1 (McDermott 46)
 Att: 20,043
Watford: Sherwood 8, Rice 7, Rostron 8, Taylor 7, Sims 8, Bolton 8, Callaghan 7, ★**BLISSETT** 9, Barnes 8, Jackett 7, Jobson 6.
Arsenal: ★**JENNINGS** 9, Kay 7, Sansom 8, Whyte 8, O'Leary 7, Nicholas 6, Talbot 7, Davis 7, McDermott 7, Hawley 6 (sub. Petrovici), Hill 6.
 Referee: M. P. Scott (Nottingham)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

Division Two

BLACKBURN (1) 1 (Lowry 16)
MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 1 (Otto 61)
 Att: 4,803
Blackburn: Genoe 6, Mail 5, Rathbone 5, Randell 5, Keeley 5, ★**FAZACKERLEY** 7, Brotherton 6, Hamilton 5, Bell 4, Garner 6, Lowry 6.
Middlesbrough: O'Hanlon 5, Nattrass 4, Hamilton 4, Baxter 4, ★**MOWBRAY** 6, Otto 5, Ross 5, Kennedy 5, Wood 4, Shearer 5 (sub. Macdonald 5), Bell 5.
 Referee: D. Owen (Wirral)
 Match Rating: ★★

CAMBRIDGE (1) 1 (Cooke 27)
NEWCASTLE (0) 0
 Att: 7,591
Cambridge: Webster 7, Fisher 6, Murray 6, ★**TURNER** 8, Fallon 6 (sub. Smith), Finney 6, Spriggs 6, Sinton 6, Reilly 6, Cooke 7, Christie 7.

Newcastle: Carr 7, Crags 6, Wharton 6, McCreery 6, Clarke 7, Carney 6, Keegan 6, McDonald 6 (sub. Martin 6), Varadi 7, McDermott 7, ★**WADDLE** 8.
 Referee: D. H. Brazier (Northampton)
 Match Rating: ★★★

CARLISLE (1) 1 (Robson, K 25)
QPR (0) 0
 Att: 5,724
Carlisle: Swinburne 8, Haigh 5, McCartney 6, Coughlin 7, Rushbury 5, Houghton 6, Robson, K 7, Robson, B 7, Poskett 6, Bannon 6, ★**SHOULDER** 9 (sub. Craig 7).
QPR: ★**HUCKER** 9, Neill 6, Dawes 5, Waddock 5, Hazel 7, Fenwick 6, Wicks 7, Sealy 6, Stainrod 7, Flanagan 8 (sub. Burke 6), Gregory 7.
 Referee: D. Allison (Lancaster)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

CHELSEA (1) 1 (Walker 28)
ROTHERHAM (1) 1 (Arnott 15)
 Att: 8,674
Chelsea: Francis 7, Jones 6 (sub. Canoville 6), Hutchings 6, ★**CHIVERS** 8, Droy 7, Pates 7, Fillery 6, Speedie 7, Lee 7, Bumstead 6, Walker 7.
Rotherham: Conroy 7, Forrest 6, Friar 6, Gow 7, Stancliffe 4, Johnson 6, ★**ARNOTT** 9, Seaman 7 (sub. McEwan 7), Moore 5, Mitchell 6, McBride 7.
 Referee: D. J. Bodenham (Brighton)
 Match Rating: ★★★

DERBY (2) 2 (Wilson 2, Davison 39)
BURNLEY (0) 0
 Att: 14,674
Derby: Cherry 8, Barton 8, Burns 7, Gammill 7, Powell 6 (sub. McAlle 7), ★**FUTCHER** 9, Brobly 6, Davison 7, Wilson 7, Hooks 6, Emson 6.
Burnley: Stevenson 6, Laws 6, Donachie 7, Phelan 6, Dobson 6, Flynn 6, Cassidy 5, ★**STEVEN** 8, Hamilton 7, Donovan 6, Scott 6.
 Referee: M. Dimblebee (Stevenage)
 Match Rating: ★★★

GRIMSBY (0) 0
OLDHAM (0) 2 (Palmer 60, Ryan 67)
 Att: 4,755
Grimsby: Batch 6, Moore 6, D 5, Crombie 6, Waters 7, Saxby 7, Moore 6, K 5, Ford 5, Whymark 6, Drinkell 6, ★**BONNYMAN** 8, Kilmore 5 (sub. O'Dell 5).
Oldham: Goram 6, Jones 6, ★**RYAN** 8, Hudson 7, Clements 7, Hoolekin 6, Wyde 6, Atkinson 6, McDonough 7, Henry 6, Palmer 6.
 Referee: K. Baker (Rugby)
 Match Rating: ★★★

LEEDS (0) 0
BARNESLEY (0) 0
 Att: 15,344
Leeds: Harvey 7, Thomas 6, Gray 6, Sheridan 6, Hart 7, ★**DICKINSON** 8, Hird 6, Butterworth 6, Ritchie 7, Donnelly 7, Graham 7.
Barnsley: Pierce 7, Joyce 6, Chambers 6, Glavin 7, McGuire 7, ★**MCCARTHY** 8, Law 6, Airey 7, Ronson 7, Cunningham 6, Barrowclough 6.
 Referee: J. Hunting (Leicester)
 Match Rating: ★★

LEICESTER (0) 0
BOLTON (0) 0
 Att: 13,959
Leicester: Wallington 6, Ramsey 6, Smith 6, MacDonald 7, English 7, O'Neill 7, Lynex 7 (sub. May), Lineker 7, Smith, A 6, ★**DALY** 8, Wilson 6.
Bolton: ★**MCDONAGH** 8, Whitworth 7, Deakin 7, Gray 6, McElhinney 6, Doyle 7, Joyce 6, Rudge 6, Moores 7, Hoggan 7, Borrow 6.
 Referee: K. G. Salmon (Barnet)
 Match Rating: ★★★

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (0) 2 (Mills 61, Lyons 89)
FULHAM (0) 1 (Wilson 83)
 Att: 12,531
Sheff Wed: Bolder 7, Sterland 7, Williamson 6, Smith 6, ★**LYONS** 8, Shelton 7 (sub. Pearson 7), Megson 7, Mills 7, Bannister 7, McCulloch 7, Heard 6.
Fulham: Peyton 7, Hopkins 6 (sub. Parker), Lock 6, O'Driscoll 7, Brown 7, Gale 6, ★**DAVIS** 8, Wilson 7, Coney 7, Houghton 7, Lewington 6.
 Referee: D. Richardson (Blackburn)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

WOLVES (0) 1 (Gray 50)
CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 0
 Att: 12,523
Wolves: Burridge 6, Humphrey 6, Palmer 5, Cartwright 5, ★**PENDER** 7, Dodd 6, Hibbit 5, Clarke 5, Gray 6, Eves 5, Matthews 5 (sub. Butler).

CRYSTAL PALACE: Fry 6, Hinshelwood 5, Brooks 6, Nebbeling 5, Cannon 6, Murphy 6, Brown 6, ★**HUGHTON** 7, Mabbott 5, Giles 6, Hilaire 6.
 Referee: M. Chadwick (Darwen)
 Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

BRENTFORD (0) 2 (Hurlow 50, Roberts 54)
SHIELDFIELD UNITED (1) 1 (Morris 33)
 Att: 4,987
Brentford: Roche 7, Booker 6, ★**SPENCER** 9, McNichol 7, Whitehead 6, Hurlow 8, Kamara 6 (sub. Walker), Joseph 8, Cassells 7, Bowles 7, Roberts 8.
Sheff Utd: Waugh 7, Garner 5, Charles 6, Richardson 6, West 5 (sub. Young 6), Houston 6, ★**TOWER** 8, Trusson 6, Edwards 7, Morris 7, Curran 7.
 Referee: T. Bune (Newbury)
 Match Rating: ★★★

BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 1 (Ball 72)
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0
 Att: 8,919
Bristol Rovers: Kite 6, Slatter 6, Williams 7, Pulis 6, Sherwood 7, Parkin 6, Ball 7, Holloway 6, ★**WITHEY** 8, Randall 6, Barrett 7.
Huddersfield: Cox 7, Brown 6, Burke 6, Stanton 6, Stonehouse 7, Hanvey 6, Lillies 6, ★**DOYLE** 8, Russell 7, Wilson 7, Cowling 6.
 Referee: R. Lewis (Great Bookham)
 Match Rating: ★★★★

CHESTER (0) 0

HULL (0) 0
 Att: 2,281
Chester: Harrington 7, Moffat 5, Lane 6, Storton 6, Zelem 5, Blackwell 6, Sloan 6, ★**ALLEN** 8, Thomas 5, Manns 7, Bulmer 6, Hull: Davies 6, Hughes 6, Swann 7, Roberts, D 7, Skipper 5, Thompson 6, Marwood 7, Roberts, G 6.
 Referee: B. Newsome (Boseley)
 Match Rating: ★★★

CHESTERFIELD (0) 0

CARDIFF (0) 1 (Bennett 73)
 Att: 2,799
Chesterfield: Turner 7, Kendal 6, Pollard 6, Kowalski 6, Green 7, Bellamy 6.
 ★**PLUMMER** 8, Partridge 6, Goading 6, Henderson 6, Windridge 6 (sub. Athersy 6).

SUBBUTEO WINNERS

SIMON Gold made history at the Welsh National Finals of the 1983 Match Weekly/Subbuteo Championships when he became the first person to make a successful transition from the junior to senior ranks.

Welsh Junior champion last year, the 16-year-old Cardiff lad collected the senior title this time around.

Fourteen-year-old Robert Thomas, also from Cardiff, succeeded Simon as junior champion when he beat Wrexham's Cayne Matthews (15) in a thrilling final.

Simon and Cayne now go on to represent their country in the 1983 Match Weekly/Subbuteo Home International Championships to be held at Butlins holiday centre, Filey, between May 28-30. Other competitors at the Welsh Finals — held at the National Sports Centre for Wales in Cardiff — were:

Seniors — Paul Amodeo, Nicos Samothrakis, Nigel Jones, David Sullivan and Paul Elson.
 Juniors — Steve Hughes, Brian Hall, Terry Walker, Michael Hill, Simon Bigmore and Stuart Osborne.
 Each competitor qualified via two regional finals held at Swansea and Chester earlier this year.

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Cardiff: Dibble 7, Lewis 7, Mullen 7, Tong 6, Bodin 6, Gibbins 6, ★BENNETT 8, Giles 6, Hatton 6, Hemmerman 6, Maddy 7. Referee: A. Saunders (Newcastle) Match Rating: ★★

DONCASTER (0) 0
PORTSMOUTH (1) 2 (Rafferty 1, Webb 47) Att: 2,974
Doncaster: Peacock 6, Allinson 7, Johnson 7, Russell 7, Humphries 7, Lister 6, Mell 5 (sub. Woods 6), Cawthorne 5, ★DOUGLAS 8, Snodin 6, G 6, Robertson 5. Portsmouth: Knight 7, McLaughlin 7, Sullivan 7, Doyle 6, ★TAIT 8, Aizlewood 6 (sub. Ellis 7), Webb 7, Dillon 7, Rafferty 7, Biley 7, Rogers 7. Referee: R. A. Banks (Manchester) Match Rating: ★★

LINCOLN (1) 1 (Vinter, og 3) OXFORD (0) 1 (Lawrence 70) Att: 2,812
Lincoln: ★FELGATE 8, Carr 6, Simonite 6, Hibberd 7, Peake 7, Thompson 6, Burke 6 (sub. Strodder 6), Moss 7, Bell 6, Hobson 6, Shipley 6. Oxford: Hardwick 7, Fogg 6 (sub. Whatmore 6), Smithers 6, Hibberd 7, Briggs 6, Shotton 7, ★JONES 8, Thomas 7, Vinter 7, Lawrence 7, Brock 6. Referee: T. Jones (Macclesfield) Match Rating: ★★

NEWPORT (2) 4 (Tynan 20, 35, pen 85, Lowndes 79) WREXHAM (0) 0 Att: 4,344
Newport: Kendall 6, Jones 6, Relish 7, Bailey 7, Oakes 7, Stroud 6, Lowndes 6, Aldridge 7, ★TYNAN 9, Vaughan 8, Elsey 7. Wrexham: Niedzwiecki 5, King 6, Jones 6, Edwards 5 (sub. Baker 6), Downman 7, Keay 6, Arkwright 7, Bater 7, Hunt 6, ★MULDOON 8, Hill 5. Referee: J. Martin (Alton) Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: Niedzwiecki (Wrexham)

ORIENT (2) 5 (Houchen 30, McNeil 45, 67, Viney, og 80) EXETER (0) 1 (Neville 50) Att: 2,407
Orient: Day 7, Roffey 7, Price 7, Gray 7, Foster 7, Cornwell 7, Silkman 7, Godfrey 8, Houchen 7, Kitchen 6, ★MCNEIL 9. Exeter: Bond 6, Rogers 6, M 5, Viney 5, Phillips 6, Marker 5, McEwan 5, ★NEVILLE 7, Rogers 6, P 6, Gibson 6 (sub. Pratt 5), Delves 6, Crown 5. Referee: M. Taylor (Kent) Match Rating: ★★

PLYMOUTH (0) 1 (Smith 89) PRESTON (1) 1 (Booth 34) Att: 2,912
Plymouth: Crudgeling 6, Nisbet 6, Uzzell 5 (sub. Sims 5), Harrison 5, ★SMITH 8, Cooper 6, Hodges 5, Phillips 6, Staniforth 5, Rowe 6, Rogers 6. Preston: Hodge 6, Hinnigan 5, McAteer 6, O'Riordan 5, ★BOOTH 8, Lodge 5, Sayer 6, Gowling 5 (sub. Kelly), Elliott 6, Naughton 5, Bell 6. Referee: A. Glasson (Salisbury) Match Rating: ★★

READING (3) 3 (Earles 15, Price 16, Dixon 33) MILLWALL (1) 3 (White 43, 64, Bremner 58) Att: 4,410
Reading: Judge 6, Williams 6, Richardson 6, Beaven 6, Hicks 7, Barnes 6, Earles 7, ★PRICE 8, Dixon 6, Sanchez 6, Doherty 6. Millwall: Wells 6, Lovell 6, Stride 7, White 8, Nutton 6, Cusack 6, Bremner 7, Neal 6, Stewart 6, Otuakowski 7, Madden 6. Referee: M. L. James (Horsham) Match Rating: ★★★★
Sending Off: Stewart, Neal (Millwall)

WIGAN (0) 2 (Adams 14, Mehmet 39) GILLINGHAM (2) 2 (O'Keefe, pen 60, Barrow 64) Att: 3,610
Wigan: Tunks 6, Langley 6, ★METHVEN 9, Walsh 6, Weston 7, Barrow 8, Cribley 7, Butler 7, Sheldon 5 (sub. Houghton 6), Lowe 7, O'Keefe 7. Gillingham: Hillyard 7, Sharpe 6, Sittin 6, Shaw 6, Adams 7, ★TYDEMAN 8, Johnson 7, Bowman 5 (sub. Horrix 6), Mehmet 6, Weatherly 6, Casciaro 6. Referee: J. M. Key (Rotherham) Match Rating: ★★★★
Sending Off: Sharpe (Gillingham)

Division Four

BLACKPOOL (1) 4 (Senior, og 7, Hockaday 67, Deary 76, Stewart 84) ALDERSHOT (1) 1 (McDonald 42) Att: 1,994
Blackpool: Hesford 6, Bardsley 7, Pritchett 6, Deary 6, Hetzke 6, Greenall 5, Hockaday 5, McNiven 5, Stewart 6, Noble 5, ★PASHLEY 8. Aldershot: Johnson 7, Shrub 6, Gillard 6, Briley 6, Whitlock 6, Jopling 7, Lucas 6, Banton 6, Senior 7, ★McDONALD 8, Robinson 7. Referee: F. Roberts (Prestatyn) Match Rating: ★★

BRADFORD (0) 2 (Campbell 57, Hill 66) BOURNEMOUTH (0) 3 (Dawtry 52, Lee 54, Morgan 88) Att: 3,453

Bradford: Ramsbottom 6, ★ABBOTT 8, Podd 7, McCull 7, Jackson 7, Cherry 7, McGovern 6 (sub. Hill 6), Watson 6, Campbell 7, Ellis 6, Chapman 6. Bournemouth: Leigh 7, Heffernan 6, Sulley 6, Spackman 7, Brignull 7, Impay 7, ★DAWTRY 8, Williams 6, Morgan 6, Lee 7, Nightingale 7. Referee: J. Heath (Stoke) Match Rating: ★★★

BURY (0) 1 (Madden 79) SCUNTHORPE (0) 0 Att: 4,739

Bury: Brown 6, Gardner 5 (sub. Parker 5), Halliday 6, ★BRAMHALL 7, Breckin 6, Gore 5, Cantello 6, Jakub 5, Potts 6, Johnson 6, Madden 6. Scunthorpe: Neenan 6, Oates 6, Boxall 6, ★HUNTER 7, Pointon 6, Graham 5, Lester 5, Baines 6, Leman 5 (sub. Keeley 5), Cammack 6, Cowling 6. Referee: M. G. Peck (Kendal) Match Rating: ★★★

CREWE (0) 0 WIMBLEDON (0) 2 (Downes 49, Smith 89) Att: 2,552

Crewe: Smith 7, Brady 6, Bowers 7, Edwards 6, Scott 6, Hart 7, ★HASLEGRAVE 8, Bancroft 6 (sub. Chapman 6), Waller 6, Walker 6, Cliss 6. Wimbleton: Beasant 7, Peters 8, Sparrow 7, Thomas 7, Smith 7, Hatter 7, Leslie 8, Ketteridge 7, Cork 7 (sub. Evans), Hodges 7, ★DOWNES 9. Referee: D. Civil (Birmingham) Match Rating: ★★★

DARLINGTON (1) 2 (McLean 21, Honour, pen 55) NORTHAMPTON (0) 0 Att: 1,042

Darlington: ★BARBER 8, Kamara 6, Liddle 5, Smith 6, Barton 7, Wicks 5 (sub. Wakefield 7), Honour 7, McLean 7, Todd 6, Walsh 6, Young 6. Northampton: Gleasure 6, Tucker 6, Phillips 5, Gage 6, Burrows 6, Heeley 7, Jeffrey 6 (sub. Coffill 5), Buchanan 7, Sandy 5, Massey 7, ★SYRETT 8. Referee: T. Fitzharris (Bolton) Match Rating: ★★★

HEREFORD (0) 1 (Spiring 51) TRANMERE (0) 0 Att: 2,089

Hereford: Rose 6, Pejic 7, Bartley 7, Hicks 7, Larkin 7, Crabbe 5 (sub. Spirng 6), Harvey 6, Lane 6, Phillips 6, ★CARTER 8, Showers 7. Tranmere: Endersby 6, ★MATHIAS 8, Burgess 6, Mungall 6, Leonard 6, Palios 6, Ferguson 6, Kerr 7, Wellings 5, Hamilton 5, Aspinall 5 (sub. Brown 5). Referee: E. A. Crickmore (Plymouth) Match Rating: ★★★

MOTHERWELL (1) 2 (McClair 10, Gahagan 89) HIBERNIAN (0) 0 Att: 3,532

Motherwell: ★WALKER 8, Dornan 7, MacLeod 6, Edvaldsson 5, Carson 5, Rafferty 5, Gahagan 7, Flavel 6, Harrow 5 (sub. Forbes 5), McClair 6, O'Hara 5 (sub. Wark).

Hibs: Rough 6, Sneddon 6, Duncan 6, ★WELSH 7, Jamieson 5, Brazil 5, Callaghan 6, Rice 5 (sub. McCurde), Thomson 5, Turnbull 5, Harvey 6. Referee: R. Valentine (Dundee) Match Rating: ★★

RANGERS (1) 4 (MacDonald 5, Bett 55, pen 62, Clark 83) ST MIRREN (0) 0 Att: 9,321

Rangers: McCloy 7, Dawson 7, McClelland 7, McPherson 7, Paterson 6, Bett 7, Cooper 6, McKinnon 7, ★CLARK 8, Redford 6 (sub. Russell 6), MacDonald 7 (sub. Prytz 6).

St Mirren: Thomson 6, Wilson 5, Clarke 5, Fitzsimmons 5, Fulton 6, McCormack 6, Stark 6, ★MCAVENNIE 7, McDougall 5 (sub. Speirs 6), Richardson 6, Somner 6 (sub. Campbell 6). Referee: L. B. Thow (Ayr) Match Rating: ★★★

ROCHDALE (1) 2 (Farrell 30, Thompson, S 75) TORQUAY (2) 2 (Carter 32, James 44) Att: 1,382

Rochdale: Crawford 8, Greenhoff 8, Keenan 7, Farrell 8, Higgins 7, Taylor 6, ★THOMPSON, D 9, Thompson, S 7, French 7, Greenhoff, J 7 (sub. Williams 7), Martinez 6.

Torquay: Horn 7, Smith 7, Pluckrose 6, James 8, ★LITTLE 9, Jones 7, Sheridan 8 (sub. Carter 8), Doyle 7, Anderson 6, Gallagher 7, Bishop 6. Referee: D. Hedges (Deside) Match Rating: ★★★

SWINDON (0) 2 (Pritchard 87, Quinn 90) STOCKPORT (0) 0 Att: 2,669

Swindon: ★ALLAN 8, Bailie 7, Baddeley 6, Batty 5, Lewis 6 (sub. Quinn 7), Graham 7, Pritchard 7, Barnard 5, Rideout 7, Rowland 7, Hughes 6.

Stockport: Lloyd 7, Rutter 6, Thorpe 6, Emerson 6, Ford 7, Bowles 6 (sub. Phillips 7), ★WILLIAMS 8, Smith 6, Quinn 7, Power 7, Coyle 6. Referee: B. Stevens (Stonehouse) replaced by J. Roost (Norton St. Phillip) Match Rating: ★★★

CLYDE (0) 3 (Sinclair 48, O'Neill 63, Masterton 67)

RAITH (0) 3 (Kerr, pen 61, Marshall 70, 87) Att: 703

CLYDEBANK (1) 1 (Williamson 34) HAMILTON (1) 1 (Fairlie, pen 20) Att: 576

DUMBARTON (1) 2 (McCaig 40, McGowan 58) PARTICK (0) 1 (Johnston 69) Att: 1,200

FALKIRK (0) 2 (Jobson 54, Houston 85) ALLOA (0) 1 (Campbell 87) Att: 2,000

Second Division

ABROATH (2) 3 (McKenzie 35, Harley 39, Steele 54) STRANRAER (0) 2 (Dolan 62, Neil 89) Att: 417

BERWICK (1) 1 (Romaines 38) COWDENBEATH (1) 1 (Gibson 15) Att: 471

BRECHIN (0) 1 (Leslie 55) FORFAR (0) 0 Att: 1,000

EAST STIRLING (1) 1 (Steel 28) ALBION (1) 3 (Boyle 38, Evans 47, 77) Att: 250

MEADOWBANK (0) 0 EAST FIFE (2) 3 (Scott 10, Hutt 36, 53) Att: 900

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (4) 6 (Robertson, G 30 secs, Alexander 20, 26, 74, Gordon 23, Steeden 76) MONTROSE (0) 0 Att: 400

STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 0 STIRLING ALBION (2) 4 (Colquhoun 25, 29, 87, Cavanagh 76) Att: 300

LEAGUE TABLES

Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P
Liverpool	...	39	16	3	1	54	15	8	6	5	31	18
Watford	...	39	15	2	3	47	19	6	2	11	22	32
Man. Utd.	...	37	12	7	0	34	9	5	8	7	15	20
Aston Villa	...	39	16	2	2	45	14	4	2	13	13	32
Nottingham Forest	...	39	11	4	4	31	18	7	4	9	25	32
Tottenham	...	38	13	4	2	44	14	4	5	10	13	32
Everton	...	39	12	5	2	41	18	4	4	12	18	28
Southampton	...	39	11	5	3	35	19	4	7	9	18	35
Stoke	...	39	13	4	3	34	18	3	4	12	18	39
West Ham	...	38	12	3	4	38	20	5	1	13	21	36
Plymouth	...	39	10	3	6	35	20	4	9	7	24	26
Arsenal	...	39	10	6	3	33	16	4	4	11	14	34
West Brom	...	39	8	5	5	33	13	4	6	10	15	28
Notwich	...	39	8	6	5	38	17	4	5	10	20	37
Notts. County	...	40	11	4	5	34	23	3	3	14	18	44
Coventry	...	39	10	5	5	27	13	2	4	13	16	41
Luton	...	38	7	8	6	33	28	4	6	9	30	48
Sunderland	...	39	7	8	4	27	19	4	4	12	17	39
Man. City	...	40	9	5	6	26	22	3	3	14	20	44
Birmingham	...	39	8	6	5	26	23	2	7	11	10	31
Brighton	...	39	8	7	5	25	21	1	5	13	11	43
Swansea	...	39	9	4	6	30	25	0	7	13	18	38

Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P
Q.P.R.	...	38	14	3	2	46	14	10	3	6	24	17
Wolves	...	39	14	4	2	40	14	8	9	4	22	23
Fulham	...	39	12	5	3	34	20	7	4	8	27	23
Leicester	...	39	11	3	6	36	15	8	5	6	32	26
Newcastle	...	39	12	6	2	41	20	4	8	9	25	30
Sheff Wed	...	39	8	8	4	31	22	7	8	6	22	19
Oldham	...	40	8	10	2	37	22	5	9	8	22	25
Shrewsbury	...	39	8	8	3	19	13	7	5	8	22	38
Leeds	...	39	7	9	3	24	18	6	5	9	23	24
Barnsley	...	39	9	7	3	37	23	5	6	9	19	26
Blackburn	...	39	9	7	3	35	21	4	5	11	24	34
Cambridge	...	39	11	7	2	25	13	1	4	14	31	47
Carlisle	...	39	10	4	5	41	25	2	6	12	24	40
Derby	...	39	6	10	4	26	24	3	9	7	21	28
Middlesbrough	...	39	7	7	5	25	28	3	7	10	19	38
Grimsby	...	39	9	6	5	31	25	3	2	14	23	44
Bolton	...	39	10	1	8	39	25	1	5	10	11	31
Charlton	...	39	10	2	7	33	27	5	5	13	23	43
Crystal Pal	...	38	9	7	3	26	16	1	5	13	11	31
Chelsea	...	39	8	6	5	30	21	2	6	12	19	39
Rotherham	...	40	5	7	8	19	28	4	7	9	21	37
Burnley	...	37	9	3	7	35	22	1	3	14	16	40

First Division

AIRDRIE (0) 1 (Gordon 83)

ST JOHNSTONE (0) 1 (Brogan 69)

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SWOPS

ROSS Jenkins has been stung several times in the 'Hornets' nest!

Watford's lighthouse of a centre-forward in their dramatic flight from obscurity to world familiarity, is celebrating ten years at the club.

And his tenth anniversary is being marked by a testimonial match against near-neighbours Luton at Vicarage Road next Tuesday (7.45).

But, as his impressive souvenir brochure recalls, it has not always been sweetness and light for 6ft 4in Ross.

George Kirby, the Watford manager who bought Ross from Crystal Palace for a club record £30,000 in November 1972, was severely rebuked by the directors.

"I was criticised by my directors who did not think I had bought value for money," he reflects.

"I told them that in ten years he'll still be scoring goals, and in the end his class has told."

As the club nosedived to within one point of relegation to Division Four, Ross came in for scathing criticism from the fans.

Unhappy

"People no doubt remember that time," says Ross. "It was a difficult, unhappy and demoralising period. Everything seemed to be going wrong. You just wished you could disappear for a while."

Two years on, he still wasn't held in much esteem by the Board.

"The Board certainly didn't rate him. He was an expensive failure as far as they were concerned. They were only too eager for me to have him transferred," explains Mike Keen, the man who followed George Kirby into the Vicarage Road hot seat.

And Ross was close to leaving Watford in 1975 when Huddersfield agreed a £12,000 deal involving their striker Colin Garwood.

"Everyone was for that move. At the end of the season it was quite plain to me that I wouldn't be considered as a first team regular," says Ross.

"Yet somehow the move to Huddersfield just didn't seem right. Everyone wanted me to move but I spent the whole night staying up and thinking about it before reaching my final decision."

"I had decided that, because it had kept me awake, there must be considerable doubts. I just felt I had pulled out of Crystal Palace too

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Tribute to Bob

THE centrepiece of the Liverpool Programme Collectors' Club Fair at Anfield this Saturday will be a retirement presentation to manager Bob Paisley.

Bob is scheduled to attend the fair at around 11.30, prior to the final home match of the season against Aston Villa when he is set to receive an emotional farewell from the Kop.

The fair is being staged at the Liverpool Supporters Club in Lower Breck Road from 11 am to 1 pm.

Organiser Jimmy Quine says: "Although the two-hour fair will contain all the usual programme stalls, the main event is the presentation to Bob Paisley."

"It's our tribute to the man who has brought so much success to Liverpool over the past nine years."

JENKINS CELEBRATES DECADE AT WATFORD

'MY TEN TURBULENT YEARS'

Ross Jenkins — the directors didn't believe he was value for money.



quickly and I was being tempted to run again.

"I thought it was time to stay put and face up to the situation and challenge at Watford."

It's a decision he has never regretted following his leading role in the club's rise to fame under manager Graham Taylor.

"Being a member of the three promotion teams during the past five years has been a source of great satisfaction to me," he says.

"We all want personal success, but to be part of three great winning teams has been a tremendous experience. The sensation is addictive, and now that Watford are in the First Division, I can't wait for us to win something."

There's a nice story in the superb booklet

about his ten-year-old son — also called Ross — who bumped into Manchester United manager Ron Atkinson during last year's World Cup Finals in Spain.

The United boss looked down at the son of the 31-year-old Watford giant and said: "I want to sign you on when you are older, providing you score goals. If you do, then don't take any notice of your dad. Don't be nice, be evil, and I'll make you a millionaire if you can score goals."

• The brochure, entitled simply 'Ross', costs £1 (and we think it's worth it) will be on sale on the night of the match. It's also available from the club shop.

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Just two of the pages in the super testimonial brochure — that's Ross as a baby on the left, and on the right, a rejection letter from Arsenal.

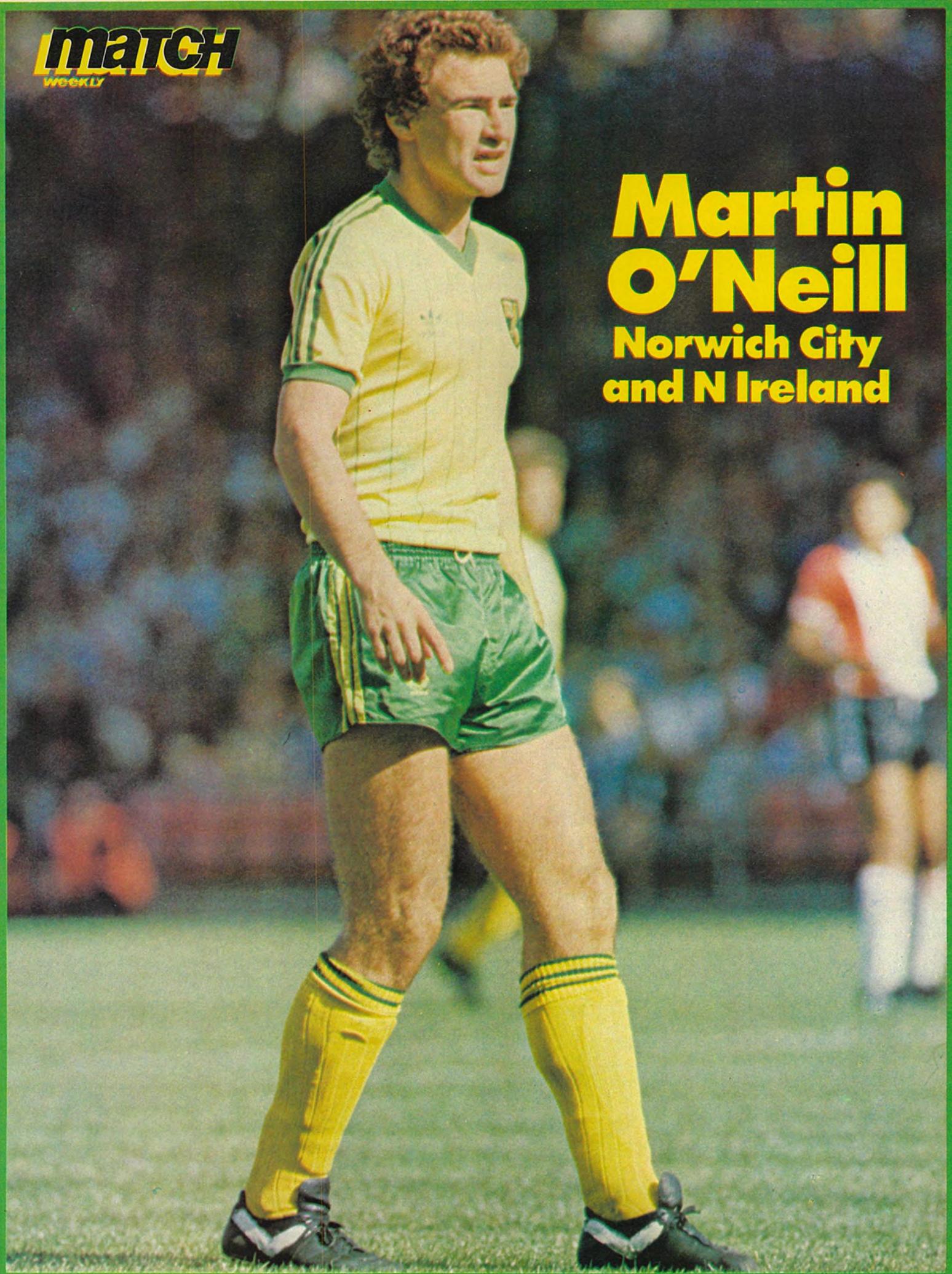
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I don't regret neglecting my school work the way I did, but I wouldn't recommend that to anyone because I realise now how much my education suffered as a result of my obsession with football.

I used to skip lessons and I can remember teachers saying to me: 'What if you don't make the grade as a footballer, or you suffer a bad injury... what will you do then?'

Of course they were right, but although it sounds big-headed, I was always confident I would be good enough.

The first school I attended was St. Albans Catholic primary, which was just around the corner from our Harlow home.

I never looked forward to going to school and it took me a time to settle in. I don't remember much about the lessons and my only recollections of those early days is playing football in the playground at break and lunchtimes.

In fact, most of my spare time was spent kicking a ball around, either with friends or my dad in the park near our house.

I was only seven when I was picked to play in the school side alongside ten and eleven-year-olds. I was so small compared with the other lads that I always ended up on the right wing.

At the age of eleven I moved to the comprehensive school — Burnt Mill — which was literally yards away from St. Albans.

It was so close to home that I could virtually roll out of bed a few minutes before the bell was due to ring and still arrive on time.

I had some great laughs at Burnt Mill and the five years I spent there were really enjoyable.

I was not what you might call the 'perfect pupil'. I could have done better at certain subjects if I had tried — but I did enough to get by.

My favourite subjects, apart from PE of course, were English and Geography. But most others I found really boring — especially Maths and History. I just couldn't remember facts and figures and the lessons were just a waste of time as far as I was concerned.

I was never any good at woodwork either and, on a number of occasions, myself and a few friends would skip the lessons, which usually went on all afternoon from lunch break to home time.

I can remember vividly one afternoon when four of us did a 'bunk' from woodwork and went back to my house where we played two-a-side football with a tennis ball in the living room.

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SCHOOL REPORT

SUBJECT	GRADE	REMARKS
English	B	It was one of the few subjects I found interesting and I really used to enjoy writing essays.
History	D	Not one of my better subjects. I could never remember facts and dates.
Geography	C	I got on quite well in this subject and enjoyed writing projects and map reading.
French	—	I was thrown out of my French class in the first year for mucking around too much. I wish I had learned a different language.
Latin	—	
German	—	
Maths	E	It was by far my worst subject and I used to absolutely detest the lessons.
Physics	C	I could never understand it, but the teacher was a great character and made the lessons enjoyable.
Chemistry	D	I hated this subject almost as much as I hated Maths.
Biology	C	I quite enjoyed the lessons and found it interesting learning about the human body.
Art	E	Hopeless. I couldn't draw to save my life.
Woodwork	C	I was probably one of the best skivers in the class, but when I put my mind to it I wasn't too bad.
Games	A	Not surprisingly my best subject!

Unfortunately, mum came home early from work and we had to make a mad dash out of the house. But she caught us, ticked us off and made us go back to school.

We couldn't really go back in the middle of the lesson because we would have been in big trouble. So we had to hang around outside in the freezing cold for over two hours in T-shirts.

It did teach me a lesson, however — to remember to take a pullover to school with me in future!

There were other similar incidents during the years at comprehensive school, where most of my time was spent playing sport. Not just football, but tennis, rugby and basketball all played their part in my early life.

In fact, my PE teacher, Jack Tillotson, who was rugby-mad, kept telling me I could make a career out of the game if I worked at it.

At the age of 14, I played for Essex at rugby and I also had the chance to go for tennis coaching... but it all interfered with my football, which had to take preference in the end.

By the time I was 15, I was training with Tottenham at Cheshunt every Tuesday and Thursday evening and

would always come over to me during the lesson and ask me how I was getting on with my football and where I was playing at the weekend.

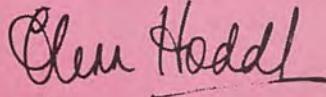
Of course, playing as much football as I did meant I had little or no time to do my homework in the evenings.

More often than not, I would have to rush through it first thing in the morning before going to school.

My school reports reflected the amount of work I did, but as long as I got an 'A' in Games I wasn't really bothered. By the time I reached the last year at school, Spurs had already agreed to take me on, so there was never any pressure on me to do well.

I didn't take any exams in the final year because I left to join Spurs at Easter. My friends still say that if I had left at Christmas they would have passed more exams because I tended to lead them astray!

I had a great time at school and the nice thing is that the friends I made then are still as close today. We often go out together and talk about the 'good old days'.



Glenn Hoddle was talking to Dave Smith.

No mistaking that Hoddle grin! That's me, number 12, with my fourth and fifth year basketball team-mates.



AS a Hibernian supporter, I have tended to rap my favourites in the past for some half-hearted performances. Not so this season, with spirited showings against both on-form Dundee and doomed Kilmarnock.

Against United, Hibs pulled back a two-goal deficit to take a share of the points at Tannadice. And, against Kilmarnock, they scored eight great goals.

Thanks must go to Pat Stanton and his coaching staff at Easter Road for the positive start in their new posts.

Martin Metcalf, Carnoustie, Scotland.

REFEREES have been under a lot of pressure this season with the introduction of new laws for certain incidents. The main complaint about refs is that they are inconsistent.

Perhaps it would be a good idea to give referees a rating out of ten in Match Weekly's 'Match Facts'. That way we could see which referees are performing consistently week in, week out.

David Smith (14), Styvechale, Coventry.

HAVING read the April 2 Ipswich v Aston Villa programme, I must congratulate the Portman Road club for including a special feature on foreign clubs and players.

I think more clubs, especially those involved in European cup-ties, should follow Ipswich's example and provide more on football abroad.

Arthur van Rest (14), Solihull, West Midlands.

LIKE the Professional Footballers Association, my classroom goes for Kenny Dalglish as the best player of the season. The voting was:

1 Kenny Dalglish — 9 votes.
2 Glenn Hoddle — 7.
3 Bryan Robson — 3.
4 Graeme Souness, Gary Mabbutt, Ian Rush — 2.
7 Gary Shaw, Ronnie Whelan, Tony Morley — 1.
Amrik Thandi, Leicester.

TERRACE TALK



Port Vale boss John McGrath — deserves to be voted manager of the year, says D. Gregory.

PORT VALE boss John McGrath has done a great job.

Despite being forced to sell the Chamberlain brothers and Mark Harrison to Stoke, John has still managed to mould a promotion-winning team with shrewd replacements in Barry Siddall, Steve Fox and Bob Newton.

Forget Bob Paisley. Even Yosser Hughes would have little difficulty in managing Liverpool. John McGrath deserves to be voted 'Manager of the Year'.

D. Gregory, Maybank, Staffs.

I KNOW it's not always fashionable to write about Third Division players, but I think one that merits mention is Bradford City's Bobby Campbell.

At the time of writing he had scored 27 goals this season and some of them were real gems.

However, a section of the Bradford support think that Bobby is over-physical in his play. Referees also tend to take that view. But I can't remember Bobby committing one bad foul all season. Sure he goes in hard, but that's how he gets his goals. So let's not be too hard on Bobby.

Wayne Steel (14), Leeds, West Yorkshire.

I AM a regular 'Match' reader and, as a Derby County supporter, I was surprised to see that you tipped Derby to finish bottom of Division Two in your 'Easter Crunch' feature.

Derby are enjoying some measure of success at the moment. There's no way the 'Rams' will be relegated!

Peter Reeves, Bexleyheath, Kent.

● **THEN as a regular reader you'll know that our predictions are not always correct. If we say Derby are sure to go down, they're bound to stay up!**

GRAHAM Taylor has done a magnificent job as manager of Watford. He has built a side more than capable of holding its own in the First Division without splashing out huge sums of money.

And to those people who still criticise the 'Hornets' direct style of play, I say take a look at the League table at the end of the season and compare it with when Taylor took charge. That's what you call success.

Ian Fitch, Attleborough, Norfolk.

I THOUGHT 'Match Weekly's' Milk Cup Final coverage was brilliant. The colour was amazing.

I collect badges — I've got over 300 — and I'd dearly love a 'Terrace Talk' badge to go with them.

Wendy Turner (14), Alphington, Exeter.

● **IT'S on the way.**

'MATCH' readers were invited to send in their 'Best of the Best' soccer teams following Whitbread's poll. Here's mine:

Gordon Banks, Derek Statham,

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West Brom's Derek Statham — he's in Adam Marshall's 'Best of the Best' team.

Jack Charlton, Bobby Moore, Ray Wilson, Bobby Charlton, Bryan Robson, Stanley Matthews, Dixie Dean, Jimmy Greaves, Tom Finney.

Adam Marshall, Milton Keynes, Bucks.

I THINK Whitbread's 'Best of the Best' awards were a bad idea. It is unfair to compare one player with another, especially if they played in different eras.

And I was dumbstruck when I read that Mick Mills was awarded 'best full-back'. How on earth can he be judged a better player than Danny McGrain, Kenny Sansom, Roger Byrne, Ray Wilson or George Cohen?

Gerard Carolan, Houghton-le-Spring, Sunderland.

MAYLASIA received live TV coverage of the Milk Cup Final and the match lived up to our highest expectations.

Manchester United may have been defeated by Liverpool, but the 'Red Devils' were brave to the last. It was a great game and United were glorious in defeat.

Crescentia and Siew Ling, Kuala Lumpur, West Malaysia.

GOLDEN GOOF

"READING and Oxford United may be planning a merger, but did you know that Spurs and Nottingham Forest had already combined?" asks Belgian reader Van Heirweghe Luc.

**Ipswich Town-Swansea City
Liverpool-Tottenham Forest
Luton Town-Southampton**

CALL UP THE KIDS, JOCK



ANOTHER disastrous European Championship qualifying campaign has proved once and for all that the present Scotland team is going nowhere.

Surely Jock Stein must now give valuable experience to the many talented youngsters who have distinguished themselves for their country recently at Youth and Under-21 levels.

With the 1986 World Cup in mind, I would suggest a team on the lines of: Leighton, Nichol, Gough, McLeish, Miller, Simpson, McStay, Burns, Nicholas, Black, Sturrock.

Not only does this side have more attacking potential than the present line-up, but there are few, if any, 'powderpuff players' like Hansen, Gray, Wark, Souness and Strachan, whose poor work rate continually puts the defence under pressure.

Charlie Merchant, Aberdeen, Scotland.

● I'D hesitate in calling Graeme Souness 'powderpuff' ... and you seem to have forgotten another Liverpool Scot who is not playing too badly.

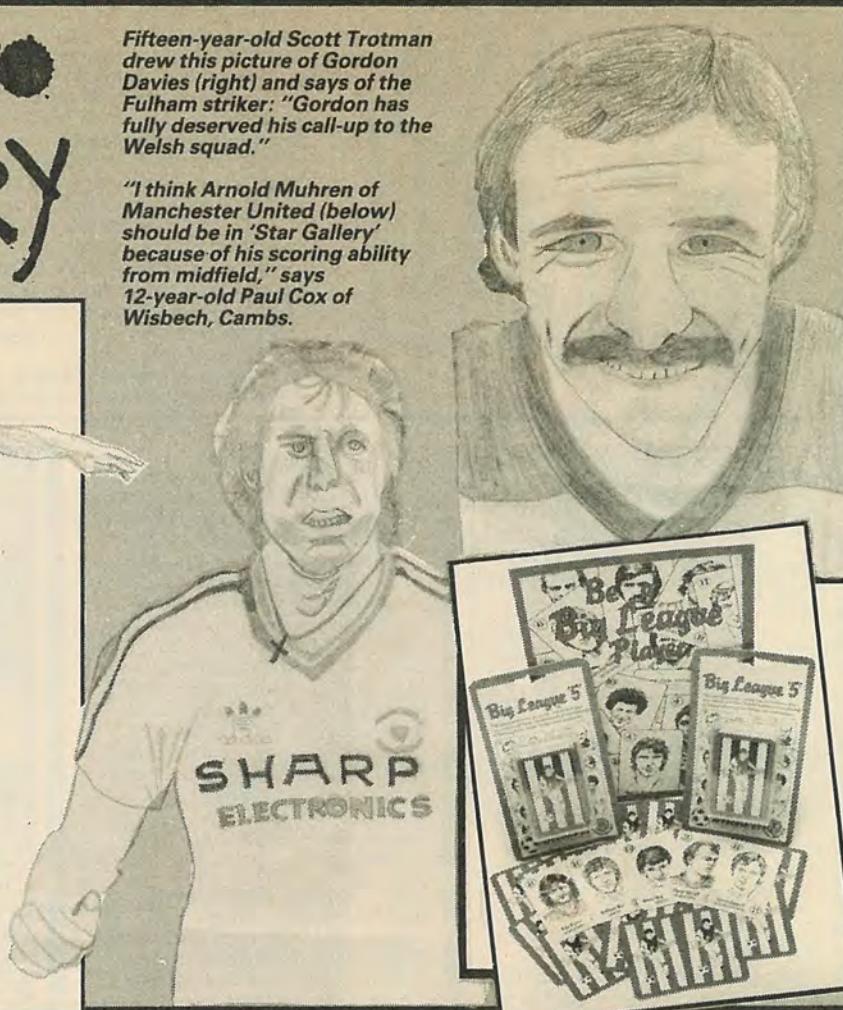
STAR GALLERY

Fifteen-year-old Scott Trotman drew this picture of Gordon Davies (right) and says of the Fulham striker: "Gordon has fully deserved his call-up to the Welsh squad."

"I think Arnold Muhren of Manchester United (below) should be in 'Star Gallery' because of his scoring ability from midfield," says 12-year-old Paul Cox of Wisbech, Cambs.



"Clive Allen of QPR is a top class goalscorer and is following in his father's footsteps to become a great player," says 12-year-old Ian Leatherland, of Chilwell, Nottingham.



Fourteen-year-old Paul Cooper of Norris Green, Liverpool, says of Anfield star Bruce Grobbelaar: "He's one of England's great goalkeepers."



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FALCAO STAYS

BRILLIANT Brazilian Falcao — one of the biggest successes in the World Cup Finals last year — is set to stay in Italy with League leaders Roma.

After months of speculation surrounding his future, the goalscorer playmaker has decided to stay with the high-flying Italians for a further season.

And Dutch star Ruud Krol is another star who's staying put in

Italy. The defender has announced that he intends to play for Naples for at least three more years.

Krol, who captained Holland in the glory days of Johan Cruyff, hopes to play for as long as possible and then take up coaching in Italy — a country he loves.

■ MANCHESTER United clash with Feyenoord in the opening game of the Amsterdam 708 international tournament at the Olympic Stadium on August 12.

'THAT GOAL FINISHED ME'

— DINO ZOFF

ITALY's World Cup winning skipper Dino Zoff has spoken of the goal that ended his international career.

It came when Italy crashed to yet another embarrassing defeat in the European Championship — this time at the hands of Rumania in Bucharest.

Zoff was beaten by a 25-yard shot from Boloni which skidded and bounced in front of his dive and he admits: "I should have had the shot. I was in the right place but my reactions were too slow.

"Losing that game was a big blow and a deciding factor for me.

"The goal was a sort of sentence for me and I know it is by far the best thing for me to recognise the way things are going and to act accordingly."

So 41-year-old Zoff ends his international career with 111 caps to his credit — having made his debut 14 years ago against, of all teams, Rumania.

And he leaves Italy floundering in Group Five of the European Championship — without a win since they beat West Germany in last summer's World Cup Final.

Not surprisingly, the Italian press have stepped up their campaign to get rid of team manager Enzo Bearzot.

They believe he has persevered too long with the same players without introducing youngsters at the right time.

Right: Dino Zoff — his international career is over.



Bettega's flourish

ITALIAN striker Roberto Bettega hopes to sign off with his club by helping Juventus lift the European Cup.

The silver-haired star, who joins Toronto Blizzard at the end of the Italian season, says: "I would really love to play well for Juventus and help them win the trophy."

The star-studded team face Hamburg in the Final in Greece on Wednesday, May 25 and Roberto says: "To be given the chance to play in the European Cup Final will be one way of making up for the disappointment of missing the World Cup Final."

He missed Italy's triumph in Spain because of injury and that looked to be the end of the veteran's international career.

But following the country's poor showing in the European Championship qualifiers, his name is being linked with a return.

"It would be great if I could play for my country again before I go to Canada," he admits.

WIM'S WOE

LIFE has gone sour for Wim Kieft — Europe's top goalscorer last season.

The 20-year-old shot to fame last season when he won the Adidas Golden Shoe and helped mighty Ajax clinch the Dutch Championship.

And even though the club are well placed to retain the Championship, the youngster admits: "I haven't scored enough goals or played well enough to earn a trophy this season.

"I've had a few injury problems and that hasn't helped. Every defender is trying to kick me off the field."

There are even rumours that the club might be persuaded to part with their star and he says: "I don't know if Ajax want to keep me or not."

"I've heard that Italian club Torino have some sort of option on me, but I've heard nothing from my club."

HOW THEY STAND IN EUROPE

ITALY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Roma	26	14	9	3	41	22	37
Juventus	26	12	9	5	41	20	33
Inter Milan	26	10	12	4	35	21	32
Verona	26	10	10	6	32	27	30
Florentina	26	10	9	7	32	23	29
Torino	26	9	11	6	28	20	29
Udinese	26	5	18	3	21	22	28
Sampdoria	26	7	13	6	23	24	27
Genoa	26	6	12	8	31	33	24
Cagliari	26	6	12	8	21	28	24
Pisa	26	7	9	10	25	26	23
Avellino	26	5	11	9	23	31	23
Ascoli	26	7	8	11	27	35	22
Napoli	26	5	12	9	20	29	22
Cesena	26	4	12	10	20	31	20
Cantanzaro	26	2	9	15	18	46	13

LEADING GOALSCORERS: Altobelli (Inter) 14; Penzo (Verona) 12; Platini (Juventus) 11; Pruzzo (Roma) 10; Antognoni (Florentina) 9.

GERMANY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Hamburg	27	15	10	2	63	27	40
Werder Bremen	27	17	5	5	52	32	39
Bayern Munich	27	15	8	4	62	22	38
Stuttgart	26	15	6	5	63	35	36
B. Dortmund	26	15	4	7	61	38	34
Cologne	26	13	7	6	54	32	33
Kaiserslautern	27	11	11	5	44	33	33
Frankfurt	27	11	3	13	39	38	25
Dusseldorf	27	8	11	4	62	24	24
Nuremberg	27	9	6	12	35	54	24
Bielefeld	26	9	5	12	36	54	23
Bochum	27	7	9	11	32	40	23
Brunswick	27	7	9	11	32	45	23
B. M'gladbach	27	9	2	16	47	50	20
Leverkusen	26	6	7	13	28	51	19
Hertha Berlin	27	5	8	14	34	47	18
Karlsruhe	26	4	6	16	30	71	14
Schalke 04	27	4	6	17	35	60	14

LEADING SCORERS: Rummennigge (Bayern) 18; Voeller (Werder Bremen) 16; Allgoewer (Stuttgart), Burgsmüller (B. Dortmund) 15; Hrubesch (Hamburg), Cha Bum (Frankfurt), Littbarski (Cologne) 14.

SPAIN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Real Madrid	32	19	9	4	55	23	47
Ath. Bilbao	32	20	6	6	64	35	46
Barcelona	32	16	10	6	53	26	42
At. Madrid	32	18	6	8	50	35	42
Zaragoza	32	16	6	10	55	35	38
Seville	32	13	12	7	39	28	38
Real Sociedad	32	11	12	9	27	25	34
Gijon	32	9	15	8	27	26	33
Espanol	32	12	6	14	41	43	30
Betis	32	9	11	12	41	42	29
Salamanca	32	10	8	14	27	42	28
Malaga	32	9	10	13	35	45	28
Valladolid	32	8	10	14	30	49	26
Las Palmas	32	7	11	14	29	43	25
Osasuna	32	9	6	17	37	52	24
Valencia	32	8	7	17	40	50	23
Celta	32	8	6	18	24	54	22
Santander	32	8	5	19	41	59	21

LEADING SCORERS: Rincon (Betis) 20; Amarilla (Zaragoza) 17; Dani (Ath. Bilbao), Valdano (Zaragoza) 16; Hugo Sanchez (At. Madrid), Sarabia (Ath. Bilbao) 15.

HOLLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Ajax	29	22	5	2	83	31	49
Feyenoord	29	20	8	1	62	31	48
PSV Eindhoven	29	18	9	2	74	29	45
Roda	29	12	7	10	47	37	31
Haarlem	29	12	6	10	36	39	31
Excelsior	29	12	6	11	40	36	30
Sparta	29	9	12	8	53	47	30
Croningen	29	8	14	14	51	48	30
Utrecht	29	10	9	10	45	44	29
Sittard	29	10	9	10	32	37	29
AZ 57	29	10	5	13	39	31	26
Heimdon Sp.	29	8	13	8	38	56	24
Go Ahead	29	6	9	14	32	56	21
PEC Zwolle	29	7	7	15	37	53	21
Willem II	29	7	7	15	38	45	21
NEC Nijmegen	29	4	12	13	30	53	20
NAC Breda	29	4	10	15	27	51	19
Twente	29	4	10	15	27	51	18

QPR'S ROUTE TO PROMOTION

Date	Opponents	Scorers	Att.
Aug. 28	Newcastle (a)	0-1	36,185
Aug. 31	Cambridge (h)	2-1 Sealy 2	9,686
Sept. 4	Derby (h)	4-1 Stainrod 2, Gregory, Fenwick pen	10,217
Sept. 7	Fulham (a)	1-1 Stainrod	15,004
Sept. 11	Oldham (a)	1-0 Gregory	4,266
Sept. 18	Sheff. Wed. (h)	0-2	13,733
Sept. 25	Leicester (a)	1-0 O'Neill og	19,647
Sept. 28	Crystal Pal. (h)	0-0	12,194
Oct. 2	Burnley (h)	3-2 Neill, Allen, Micklewhite	9,145
Oct. 9	Barnsley (a)	1-0 Allen	13,270
Oct. 16	Shr'bury (h)	4-0 Flanagan, Allen, Gregory, Pearson og	9,275
Oct. 23	Middlesbro (a)	1-2 Allen	7,892
Oct. 30	Bolton (h)	1-0 Stainrod	9,363
Nov. 6	Rotherham (a)	0-0	7,402
Nov. 13	Blackburn (h)	2-2 Allen, Fenwick	9,149
Nov. 20	Cambridge (a)	4-1 Wicks, Allen 2, Sealy	5,685
Nov. 27	Carlisle (h)	1-0 Fenwick	9,397
Dec. 4	Leeds (a)	1-0 Allen	11,528
Dec. 11	Grimsby (h)	4-0 Neill, Sealy, Gregory, Micklewhite	9,811
Dec. 18	Wolves (a)	0-4	15,423
Dec. 27	Chester (h)	1-2 Sealy	24,744
Dec. 29	Charlton (a)	3-1 Micklewhite 2, Sealy	13,306
Jan. 3	Derby (a)	0-2	14,007
Jan. 15	Newcastle (h)	2-0 Gregory 2	13,972
Jan. 22	C. Palace (a)	3-0 Allen 2, Hazell	14,621
Feb. 5	Oldham (h)	1-0 Sealy	8,903
Feb. 19	Barnsley (h)	3-0 Gregory, Sealy, Flanagan	10,271
Feb. 26	Shr'bury (a)	0-0	4,397
Mar. 5	Middlesbro' (h)	6-1 Allen 3, M'white, Flanagan, Gregory	9,596
Mar. 12	Bolton (a)	2-3 Gregory pen, Sealy	6,373
Mar. 19	Rotherham (h)	4-0 Gregory 2, Sealy, Flanagan	9,541
Mar. 22	Charlton (h)	5-1 Sealy 2, Gregory, Stainrod, Hazell	10,776
Mar. 26	Blackburn (a)	3-1 Stainrod 2, Flanagan	5,317
Apr. 4	Chelsea (a)	2-0 Gregory, Sealy	20,821
Apr. 9	Leicester (h)	2-2 Gregory, Sealy	16,301
Apr. 19	Sheff. Wed. (a)	1-0 Flanagan	12,724
Apr. 23	Leeds (h)	1-0 Hart og	19,573

● QPR's score first in each case.

LEAGUE RECORD

1920 — original members Division Three.
 1921 — Division Three (South).
 1948-52 — Division Two.
 1952-58 — Division Three (South).
 1958-67 — Division Three.
 1967-68 — Division Two.
 1968-69 — Division One.
 1969-73 — Division Two.
 1973-79 — Division One.
 1979-83 — Division Two.

SAD SEASON FOR CURRIE

As his Rangers team-mates celebrate, Tony Currie is preparing to quit England after the "most disappointing season of my career."

Midfield star Tony is reluctantly leaving Loftus Road to join Canadian club Toronto Blizzard.

And the 33-year-old star, who cost Rangers £400,000 four years ago says: "I've played only one game on a Saturday all season. It's been really depressing because I haven't been able to prove I still have something to offer."

Tony has been plagued by injury all season but he hopes to

VENABLES' MEN RETURN TO THE BIG TIME

RANGERS

MIDFIELD star John Gregory looked forward to the return of First Division football at Loftus Road and declared: "We want to become another Liverpool."

"They were a Second Division club once so it's not an impossible dream. Since coming here two years ago, I've had the feeling that manager Terry Venables is building something that could be on the same scale as the Merseyside giants."

Ambitious John continued: "We want to build up a reputation as a team that's always winning cups and championships."

Consistency has been the hallmark of Liverpool's success and John says: "We've had two marvellous years here — now we've got to maintain that level of success for the next ten."

"We don't want to become known as one-season wonders so it's important that we don't get carried away. We've got to be successful again next year."

"My old team Aston Villa never got much credit when they won the League Championship and European Cup because after one great year, they fell away."

Rangers' triumph marks the second time Terry Venables has led a club into the First Division. He did it with Crystal Palace in 1979 and the side were dubbed 'Team of the Eighties' after surging to the top of the table.

But the initial promise never materialised and the Selhurst Park side soon found themselves back in Division Two. John believes that the experience Terry picked up then will make sure Rangers don't follow the same path.

He says: "Obviously similarities between the two sides will be drawn because of the manager, but Terry has progressed as a boss."

"And I believe we are better equipped to cope. When the going got tough for Palace, they didn't have the players who could roll up



John Gregory — "We've had two marvellous years and we've got to maintain that for the next ten."



Manager Terry Venables — building something that could be on the same scale as Liverpool?



Tony Currie — reluctant departure from Loftus Road.

Toronto now it may not be forever ...

"If I can clear up the little, niggling injuries, I can go on for a few more years yet."

SALUTE to QPR — back in Division One after an absence of four years.

ROAR BACK!

their sleeves and graft.

"Palace, like ourselves, had a very young side, but our lads have wise heads on their shoulders. They've experienced a lot in their few years.

"Players like goalkeeper Peter Hucker, Warren Neill and Gary Waddock have all played in an FA Cup Final at Wembley and experienced promotion campaigns before."

John, who started his League career at Northampton, believes that Rangers will be better suited to First Division football.

He explains: "We've got a lot of skilful players at Loftus Road and they'll have more chance to express themselves. It's not one hundred miles an hour stuff like it is in the Second Division.

"Even though we might be allowed more freedom, it's going to be much tougher in the top flight. Every team in the First Division is quality.

"I'm not going to predict that we'll win anything next season, although I do believe a place in Europe is within our grasp," says John, who has experienced life in the First Division with both Villa and Brighton.

Rangers made sure of a place in the top flight with a 1-0 win over Leeds, at Loftus Road and John admits that it hasn't sunk in yet.

He explains: "It's something we've been striving for all season, but promotion suddenly being guaranteed after all that time was a weird feeling.

"I don't think it will completely sink in until I look at the fixture list for next season and see us going to places like Old Trafford and Anfield."

Attitude

Rangers were favourites to go up last season but in the end they finished fifth and John believes the attitude of the players was wrong. "We took things for granted and thought we'd walk out of the Second Division last season. Our attitude was dead right this time.

"We didn't predict what we were going to do. Everything was played low key and the management did a great job in making sure we kept our feet firmly on the ground."

Rangers did look as though they were slipping back into their bad old ways again at Christmas by losing four games out of five.

"That gave us a real slap in the face and woke everyone up. The players realised that promotion wasn't going to be plain sailing and there was still a long way to go.

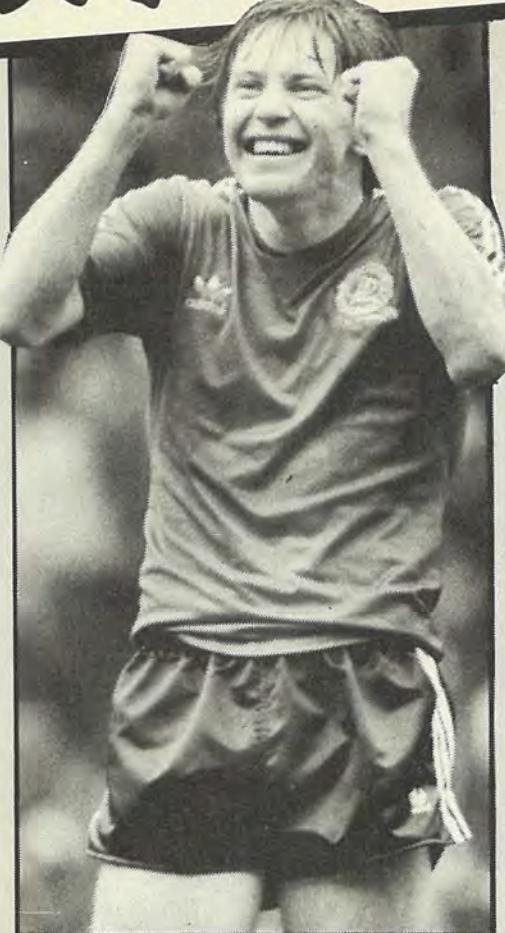
"Another big difference from last season has been our away performances. After the 1-0 victory over Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough on April 16, we'd won 11 away.

"We used to go to places like Oldham and Shrewsbury and come back with nothing. That hasn't been the case this time.

"In fact one of our best performances came away from home. That was at Barnsley in October where we had Simon Stainrod sent off after just 20 minutes.

"Now Oakwell isn't the best place to go with 15 men let alone ten, but we battled away and showed great character to win 1-0."

The other major highlight of the season for John was the 6-1 destruction of troubled Middlesbrough at Loftus Road. He says: "A lot



Gary Waddock — tasted the big occasion before.

of top teams would have struggled to live with us that day.

"We played some of the best football I've been associated with since I joined the club," says John, who scored Rangers' fourth goal.

For a midfielder, John has been deadly in front of goal and, following his effort in the 2-2 draw against Leicester on April 9, his League tally stood at 14.

"Everyone at Rangers is encouraged to go forward and get into goalscoring positions. I've been lucky to be in the right place at the right time.

"Coming through from midfield, I've found that I've been able to sneak into scoring positions un-noticed. The strikers have been taking defenders away from me and I haven't been picked up.

Freedom

"Glenn Hoddle found the same freedom in his early days at Spurs when he was regularly potting 20 goals a season.

"Overall, Rangers' scoring record has been very good. The goals have been spread throughout the team. Three of us are in double figures and there's a few others with seven or eight goals apiece.

"That's important because it doesn't mean that we've had to rely on any one person to hit the net for us. It has been a team effort in front of goal."

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SPOTLIGHT ON SPURS' **TONY GALVIN**

FULL NAME: Anthony Galvin.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Huddersfield/July 12, 1956.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft. 11ins./12st. 12lbs.
MARRIED: Yes, to Julie.
CHILDREN: Not yet.
CAR: Ford Fiesta.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Goole Town.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: Student teacher.
NICKNAME: 'The Hermit' — because I rarely go out!
WORST EVER INJURY: Pelvic strain in 1980.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Alan Devonshire of West Ham, because he's always prepared to run at defenders.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Huddersfield.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Argentina's Mario Kempes.

Kempes — he's quick, very tricky and good in the box.
BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: Banks, Reaney, Cooper, Charlton J., Moore (all England), Bremner (Scotland), Giles (Ire), Keegan (England), Best (N. Ireland), Greaves (England), Heighway (Ire).
ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Banks (England), Kaltz (W. Germany), Junior (Brazil), Passarella (Argentina), Moore (England), Bremner (Scotland), Giles (Ire), Best (N. Ireland), Pele, Eder (both Brazil), Rummennigge (W. Germany).
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Molineux (Wolves).
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Barcelona.
BEST GOAL SCORED: Against Ajax in the Cup Winners' Cup in

season 1981-82.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Eddie Gray for Leeds against Burnley — I think it was in 1970.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Kenny Swain.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Spurs' Cup Final against Manchester City in 1981.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Playing at Wembley.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing to Barcelona in the Semi-Finals of last season's European Cup Winners' Cup.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Cricket, rugby, basketball.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Relaxing at home or down the pub.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Rude people, gardening and do-it-yourself jobs.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: 'Yes Minister'.

TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: 'Give Us A Clue'.
FAVOURITE READING: Newspapers.
FAVOURITE POP STARS: Roger Waters and Pink Floyd.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Fish 'n' chips.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Tetley's mild.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: France.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: John Hurt/Diane Keaton.
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: 'Reds'.
BEST FRIEND: My wife, Julie.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My father, Thomas.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Losing and players who talk on the pitch.
SUPERSTITIONS: None.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Cheese omelette.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Full caps for Eire.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To live happily at home with my wife and family.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win the League with Spurs.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: Working with kids — possibly as a sports centre manager.
PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Richard Cooke at Spurs.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Neil Kinnock MP.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Work hard and take notice of the right people.